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Chinese diplomat speaks at America-China forum

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Zhang Shaogang, a Minister Counselor of the Economic and Commercial Office at the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C. spoke last night in Charles Commons as the first speaker in the Global China Connection Hopkins Chapter's (GCC-JHU) Fall Series Forum on US-China Relations.

At the event, titled "US-China Economic Relations: History and Perspective," Shaogang discussed the present and future states of economic and trade relations between the U.S. and China. He emphasized the growing interdependence of the two nations and the tremendous benefits that both economies have received from this relationship.

"China and the United

States have never been so closely interconnected," Shaogang said. "Over the past three decades, the two countries' trade and economic relations have achieved dramatic progress."

Consequently, the Chinese-American economic relationship has become one of the most dynamic and promising relationships in the world.

Just last Wednesday, the Chinese president congratulated Obama on his reelection and commented on the positive progress that China has seen over the past four years from its relations with the U.S.

The American economy, too, has greatly benefited in recent years from this relationship.

"85 percent of U.S. companies in China saw their revenues grow in

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Jimmy Wales spoke to a crowd of approximately 600 last night about why the emergent internet is instrumental to a changing world.

Wikipedia founder caps off MSE Symposium

By **FRANK BRANCATI**
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Jimmy Wales, famed Internet entrepreneur and founder of the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, spoke last night at Shriver Hall in the last of the Milton S. Eisenhower

(MSE) Symposium events. The event was very heavily attended, drawing a crowd of between six and seven hundred people.

"It was great fun actually, a great audience. People laughed a lot and that's always good. Sometimes you get an audience

and they don't realize you're trying to be funny and it's awkward," Wales said to *The News-Letter*.

Wales's talk, titled the "Wiki Future," focused on a broad range of topics concerning Wikipedia as well as broader ideas concerning the

Internet community.

"I'm going to talk a little bit about the theme 'The Power of the Individual,'" Wales said. "It's an interesting theme for the whole series because you don't normally think of the Wiki as being something

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Shaogang Zhang spoke optimistically about the future of US-China trade.

Police confirm armed robbery at Subway

By **RIAN DAWSON & NASH JENKINS**
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Baltimore City Police and detectives from the Commercial Robbery Office were at Subway on the corner of St. Paul and 33rd Streets Friday night to investigate a robbery at the restaurant. Detective Vernon Davis, of the Bal-

timore City Police Department Office of Communications confirmed that it was indeed a robbery at gunpoint. The original 911 call came at 10:52 p.m. The entrances to Subway were cordoned off and the store closed so employees could be questioned by police.

Ghanshyam Pardsa, a manager at the Subway, gave a description of the individual.

"He was around 35 or 40, African-American," Pardsa said. "He came in with a gun and asked for cash — of course we gave it to him."

Pardsa said he was unsure exactly how much money the restaurant lost.

Steven Recupero, a Baltimore City police officer on patrol duty at the intersection of 33rd and St. Paul Streets early Saturday morning, said that law enforcement would continue to monitor the area.

"You have a lot of pedestrian traffic here, so there's always a higher risk of crime," Recupero said. "And the holidays are coming up, which generally means an increase in thefts and robberies."



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There are still no suspects in the armed robbery at Subway last Friday.

New plans for Olmstead involve hotel, retail shops

By **ELIZABETH ARENZ**
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The proposal to build a hotel in the Olmstead lot across from Barnes & Noble is closer to becoming a reality. During last Tuesday's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, Alan Fish, Vice President of Real Estate and Campus Services, introduced plans for a new hotel that would be part of a larger initiative to revitalize business in Charles Village and also enhance the lives of Hopkins's students through the growth of the surrounding community.

Sophomore Jensen Reiter, a senator who attended the SGA meeting, recalled the excitement he and his fellow student leaders felt at the prospect of a truly vibrant Charles Village.

"There is a picture of what it's going to look like and it has an awesome feel," Reiter said. "It looks

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10 JHU professors named AMS fellows

By **ELLE PFEFFER**
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On Nov. 1, the American Mathematical Society (AMS) recognized the achievements of prominent international mathematicians, naming over 1000 Fellows to the inaugural class. The list included nine Krieger School of Arts and Sciences professors from the Department of Mathematics and one professor of the Whiting School of Engineering.

To be selected as a Fellow in the first year of the program, the members had to possess at least one of the following qualifications: an AMS research prize, an

offer to speak at an AMS event, or an invited address at the International Congress of Mathematicians.

The AMS, founded in 1888, provides support for research and scholarship in the field of mathematics through a variety of programs and venues. They provide everything from fellowships and publication reviews to prizes and conferences.

Membership is not limited to professors and there are about 30,000 members of all ages and amateur to professional status. "They try to popularize mathematics with the public," Joel Spruck, a professor with interests in differen-

tial geometry and a newly named Fellow, said. "Many levels of people belong to the AMS and profit from its existence." Spruck was invited based on his speeches at an AMS meeting and at a 1994 International Congress of Mathematicians conference in Zurich.

The AMS has a specific focus on engaging the youth. The organization provides job counseling for graduate students and goes to Congress as an advocate for mathematical education funding.

In the coming years, fellows will be selected through nominations and voting from within the

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NEWS & FEATURES

Hopkins pushes for responsible sex

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In recent months, several Hopkins entities have made efforts to improve sexual awareness on campus and in the greater Baltimore community. These efforts include the possibility of greater condom availability around campus, initiatives at the Student Health and Wellness Center and free educational and testing services provided by Hopkins professors and graduate students.

The Student Government Association, (SGA) has spearheaded many of the initiatives that, if enacted, would most directly impact Homewood. The Student Services Committee of SGA is currently pushing to make free condoms available in the residence halls; meanwhile, the Safety, Sustainability, and Development Committee is trying to improve condom availability around campus, targeting the more heavily trafficked terminals — namely, the Milton S. Eisenhower Library.

This idea, suggested by a student at the recent SGA Town Hall meeting, would see the creation of condom dispensers in locations such as the library restrooms.

"Our goal is to make it easier for students to make sure they're protected if they decide to have sex," the Chair of the Safety, Sustainability and Development Committee

of sexual awareness is absent from the public forum at Hopkins. With the exception of Sexcapades during freshman orientation and sporadic lectures by a visiting "sexpert," the issue remains by and large undiscussed.

Several students responded positively to the recent initiatives.

"Having them at HelWel now is awkward because you have to go in and grab them in public," freshman Larry Hou said. "Some people would want it to be more discrete."

He refers to the stockpile of condoms located on a coffee table in the waiting room of the Student Health and Wellness Center. In addition to condoms, the Center provides gynecology appointments, STI and gynecological information, online birth control refills and STI testing for Hopkins students.

However, chlamydia and gonorrhea tests are not free. The test costs \$45 without Hopkins insurance and \$28 if insured through Hopkins. Alternatives include free Baltimore or Planned Parenthood clinics.

Taking note of these steep prices and the lack of relevant resources available to Baltimore's youth, Dr. Charlotte Gaydos, a professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the School of Medicine, launched IWantTheKit.org, a web-based free testing service that came online in 2004. Via the website, people in Maryland

project at Hopkins, IWantTheKit is the only service of its kind. Gaydos emphasizes the importance of encouraging people to take responsibility for their sexual health.

Enabling youth to be tested without telling parents, needing transportation or spending money, IWantTheKit has tested over 4000 women and 2000 men. Their website receives about 100,000 hits a month, and they send out approximately 30 kits a week.

Gaydos explained that the biggest hurdle in providing this service has been the funding, and the limited publicity due to funding. She hopes that the service will be further supported by the CDC and ultimately become nationwide. She is also looking to add the recently-approved HIV home test to the kit.

Jessica Ladd, a graduate student in the Bloomberg School of Public Health, started a partner website, SoTheyCanKnow, that informs infected individuals about STIs and helps them tell their partners.

Gaydos recommends students to use both educational websites and to spread the word about the free services. She says that the biggest hindrance to addressing sexual awareness is sexual education in schools and the ability to normalize conversations about sex.

Teens have the highest rate of STDS in America, with over half of the cases of chlamydia occurring in youth between the ages of 15 and 19.

There are 2-4 million new cases of chlamydia alone every year, and 19 million new STD cases in general. STDs and complications from STDs cost the health system an annual 17 million billion dollars.

And those are only the treated cases. If untreated, 40 percent of women with chlamydia infections develop pelvic inflammatory disease, and one in five of these women become infertile.

Because of this, the CDC recommends annual screening for all sexually active females in the U.S. under the age of 25. Although the CDC has no recommendations for males, screening is recommended to prevent the infecting of partners.

can request a home STI testing kit. These kits allow the recipient to take a sample and mail it free of charge to a testing site. They are then informed of the results via phone, email or text message.

Started as a research



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IWantTheKit.org provides at-home STI testing kits free of charge.

sophomore Rodolfo Finocchi said. "These efforts are pretty similar to those at other campuses. I'd say that Hopkins is somewhat behind the curve in regards to condom availability."

On the whole, the topic



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Police brought their horse and canine units to Homewood on Tuesday, Nov. 13 as part of Security Week.

Security Week increases awareness

By **OLIVIA SPECTOR**
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Hopkins's second annual Security Week, which provides opportunities for students, faculty and staff to meet the security guards and learn about safety and security, began on Monday and will continue through Friday. The various events are sponsored by both the security team and the Student Government Association (SGA).

"Blue Light Security Week was introduced at the suggestion of the Student Government Association, to promote crime prevention awareness and personal safety," Lt. Mark E. Long wrote in an email to *The News-Letter*.

Last year was the first annual Campus Security week.

"We have built upon last year in order to make events more attractive and conducive for students," Campus Crime Prevention and Event Security Coordinator Lt. Stephen Moffett said.

The Security Week events include a Beer Goggles Obstacle Course, a BPD Command Post, Segway rides and a trivia game show with Jon Walter, the Shush Lord.

Additionally, there is a week-long scavenger hunt, which sends out different tasks to participants daily. Participating groups have to upload photographs of their completed task onto the Security Week Facebook page. Five students won the opportunity to participate in a free CPR Certification class on Monday by completing a quiz online.

"It was a great experience," Katrina Rios wrote in an email to *The News-Letter*. "Lt. Miller was a wonderful facilitator, and his descriptions of how he's used CPR to save someone's life before really made the

class richer. CPR is a great thing to know in general but hearing a first-hand account of how it was used to save somebody's life gives the training a new sense of importance. Despite the odds of ever having to use it in real life, it feels good knowing I'm prepared to help somebody if the time ever comes."

Other students won the chance to tour the Command Center in Shriver Hall on Tuesday and Thursday.

An ongoing mission of Campus Security is to bring more awareness of campus security to the Hopkins population. Moffett said that security has worked to sign people up for the Crime Watch Program this week.

"At least 175 people have registered for the program as of Tuesday, and over 300 people have attended our events so far," Moffett said.

The crime watch program gives everyone who signs up a card with a number on it, so if one has to call 911, rather than saying your

name and giving the police all of your contact information, all you have to do is give your watch number, which saves a significant amount of time.

Additionally, the security team provides resources for students, such as a Hopkins Crime Watch Program and updated security bulletins on the Campus Safety and Security website.

Despite the recent armed robbery at Subway on Friday, Long has not noticed a significant rise in crime.

"Campus Safety and Security has seen no significant increase in crime on and around campus," Long wrote.

"We are always monitoring and assessing crime trends, making the necessary adjustments to further reduce the opportunities for crime. Campus Safety and Security continues to work closely with the Baltimore Police to reduce crime in the Charles Village area," Long wrote.

Early Decision numbers increase by 22 applicants

By **JOHN DUROVSKIK**
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The Hopkins Office of Undergraduate Admissions has begun reviewing the Early Decision applications submitted by prospective members of the Class of 2016. With 1,467 applications received, this year's number of applications marks a slight increase over last year's Early Decision pool of 1,445 aspirational students.

Director of Undergraduate Admissions Ellen Kim underscored the importance of student inquiry and dedication with regards to Early Decision ap-

plications.

"We emphasize that applying Early Decision to a school like Hopkins is about making a binding commitment to the university," Kim wrote in an email to *The News-Letter*. "It's a great option for students who have done their research and know that this is the top choice for them by the November deadline."

As with many other top-tier universities, Hopkins has experienced an increased interest in the early application program in recent years. While the acceptance rate for the Class of 2016 hovered around 17 percent, this upward trend in early applications — the consistency between this year and last year notwithstanding — is expected to cause a subsequent decrease in the number of accepted students.

It is possible that the devastation and inconveniences caused by Hurricane Sandy might have produced a smaller-than-anticipated jump in applicants.

"We know that many families were affected by the storm and some are still without full utilities," Kim wrote. "It was certainly an unexpected obstacle for many students, so it's difficult to say how many may have wanted to apply Early Decision but may have decided to push their application to Regular Decision given the circumstances."

To compensate for families lacking the means to submit their application on time, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions extended the application deadline from Nov. 1 to Nov. 6.

As high school students wait eagerly for decisions posted on Dec. 15, current students reflect upon their success in the early decision process.

"I applied early because I knew I wouldn't find a better fit in terms of what I was looking for academically and socially," freshman Becky Weinberg said. "I definitely think I made the right choice."

Group hosts panel to bring homelessness awareness to Homewood

By **JESSICA KIM COHEN**
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In an effort to raise awareness for homelessness, the Hopkins Helping the Homeless club hosted a Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau panel on Tuesday night at Nolan's. A national organization, the Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau featured speakers who had previously been or currently were homeless.

"This is our first fall semester as a club, and part of our goal is to bring awareness to Hopkins about how severe the issue of homelessness is in Baltimore and around the country," sophomore Carrie Resnick, co-founder of Hopkins Helping the Homeless, said.

"We started the club after taking the B'More class on homelessness last Intersession, realizing that there was no Hopkins outlet for directly helping the homeless," Resnick said. "Part of the class was having the Speakers' Bureau speak to us, and it was really one of the most transformative parts of the class. Hearing the details and true stories of homelessness from people who had been directly affected by it was very pow-

erful and really humanized homelessness for me, so bringing the Speakers' Bureau here again seemed like a good choice."

Allowing time for students to arrive and speakers to settle in, the four speakers began their panel after an introduction by Michael Jefferson. A moderator from the Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau, Jefferson spoke to the group of nine attendees, explaining the main message of the panel.

"No one deserves to experience homelessness," Jefferson said. "That's why it's so important to truly understand the struggles these people face, and to show why it's necessary to do as much as we can to end this social problem. We as a society need to create a world where this is not an issue. We need to not tolerate certain issues. People should not starve to death. Children should not go parentless. There are systems in place, but they do not do enough to end this great social injustice."

One man, Mark Schumann, spoke out against the different forms of prejudice he faced while homeless.

"I was once on the street when two women, one on

each side of me, started speaking about how awful homeless people are," Schumann said. "They kept going on about how dirty and nasty they were, and I had to speak up and say that I was homeless and didn't like what they were saying. You really can't tell who's homeless and who's not. People think homeless people are dirty, but they're not; most shower everyday or every other day and wear clean clothes."

"People also assume it's our own fault if we're homeless. For me, I had a job that needed physical strength, and I ended up injuring my knees. With an injury, I was laid off. I couldn't find anything more than minimum wage, and ended up on the streets for three years. It's a terrible feeling."

Other speakers also shared times they felt dehumanized by homelessness.

"You're trying to live your private life in public space," Bonnie Lane said. "I've been on and off homeless for 12 years. You never know if or when you're going to be homeless. If your name isn't on a lease, then according to the government, you're homeless. Some homeless people I've met have college degrees and a

job, but under circumstances out of their control, they just don't own a home."

Lane also offered advice to the group, suggesting ways students can help even if they don't have money.

"One thing you can always do is give people on the street a sense of hope by just saying 'hi' to them," Lane said. "Most people in Baltimore pass a homeless person at least once a day and just rush through. Even if you don't have money, interacting with them is better than just walking by. That's the dehumanizing part."

Although this event focused on awareness, the mission of Hopkins Helping the Homeless is to initiate both awareness and outreach programs.

"Earlier this year, for our first event, we made hygiene kits, which are more along the lines of volunteer and outreach work," Natasha Fletcher, co-founder of Hopkins Helping the Homeless, said. "Next spring we hope to volunteer at My Sister's Place, which is also more focused on outreach. But you really can't volunteer without getting awareness out too, because you need to convince people to help. They're tied together."

Though new, the club

feels their efforts so far have been successful.

Last year, members helped with *Word on the Street*, a newspaper run by the Baltimore homeless community that covers issues on homelessness and social justice.

"We actually brought Word on the Street vendors to campus last year to sell their newspaper, which was great," Resnick said. "Each issue costs \$1.75 of which goes to the homeless who work with the newspaper."

Resnick found the event to be very successful.

"It led to a great discussion and everyone was very engaged, several people asked me afterwards how to help," Resnick said. "I also was not expecting, but was really pleased with, the personal connections that so many people made, bringing up their own families experiences. A worker at Nolan's even came up to the speakers after and told them about her experience with homelessness in Baltimore, which led to much support and many hugs. It really strengthened the community in a way I was not expecting. The speakers were so inspiring and I think put all of our lives into perspective."

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Jazz bar eyes Hopkins Square

By EVA GURFEIN
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The Ruby Tuesday located in Hopkins Square closed this summer, leaving a vacant space available for rent in the commercially viable complex. The Cordish Company, in charge of leasing for Hopkins Square, has been in conversation with several companies hoping to fill the space, however one likely company is the Java Jazz Bar and Grill.

Situated in the heart of Charles Village, Hopkins Square is located at 3003 North Charles Street. The Square is directly adjacent to the Homewood, the largest Hopkins undergraduate apartment building, accommodating 220 residents.

Cordish emphasizes the complex's proximity to Hopkins and Union Memorial Hospital as an incentive for businesses to invest in retail space.

According to data provided by Cordish, the space is privy to an average daily traffic count of 22,000, in addition to vehicles. Beyond the foot traffic driven by Hopkins students and affiliates, the surrounding residential area is densely populated. Further demographic overview provided by Cordish indicates that the 2010 population within one mile of the Square was 37,784. The number of households was reported as 15,806.

Despite the reportedly extensive commercial traffic, Ruby Tuesday was forced to vacate the complex due to waning profits. The restaurant opened in the spring of 1999. The Charles Village location was the restaurant chain's first opening in Baltimore. Ruby Tuesday was an anchor retailer at Hopkins Square, along with FedEx Kinko's and 7-Eleven, for the past decade prior to closing.

The 4500 square foot space is available for a five-year lease contract, with an option of renewal for an additional five years at a fixed rate.

"We are currently in conversation with several

businesses interested in the vacant space," Bob Waugh, Director of Development for The Cordish Company, said. "Nothing is definite at this time."

One potential leaser is the Java Jazz Bar and Grill, partly owned by Warriors Group. Warriors Group owns 51 percent of the company; the

remaining 49 percent is available for investors. Warriors Group is a veterans advocate group founded by soldiers. This nonprofit organization seeks to assist, foster and

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— GERRARD CLARK, SENIOR

promote enterprises that create entrepreneurial and employment opportunities for veterans. One percent of profits from the Java Jazz Bar and Grill would go to supporting this advocacy endeavor.

Sergeant Cornelius Thomas of the United States Army is part of Warriors Group's team working on launching the new business. Thomas said that although conversations are still preliminary at this time, they hope to finalize contracts to lease the Hop-

kins Square space in the coming weeks. The owners hope to open Java Jazz Bar and Grill in the first week of January.

According to Thomas, Java Jazz Bar and Grill would be open 24-hours, 7-days a week. They plan to offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu items, with breakfast items served at all hours.

The owners aspire to make the Java Jazz Bar and Grill a relaxed environment where students and Charles Village residents alike will want to spend time.

Chelsea Brock, who is a Private First Class in the US Army National Guard, is also the program assistant, representing the mix of entrepreneurship and military service.

"We want people who live in the area to feel comfortable waking up and walking right down to us to grab some breakfast," Brock said.

To entice students, the owners plan to make free Wifi available to patrons. "We want students coming here to study with friends and grab some coffee, and then come back later in the night for some dinner and to unwind. A full wine bar and full coffee bar will be available, with over 300 different kinds of hot teas. Our main audience is college students, but also residents. We want to reach the whole community," Brock said.

The owners plan to host live jazz performances during three shifts each day, as well as regular Karaoke nights, Open Mic Nights and poetry nights.

Some Hopkins undergraduate students are excited by the possibility of a new eatery and social venue in the area. Many consider the limited selection of restaurants, bars and cafés currently available in Charles Village as a detractor from the Hopkins social scene.

"I think it's great a new business is opening up. Charles Village needs more options for students. It gets boring going to the same places all the time," senior Gerrard Clark said.

Java Jazz Bar and Grill's unique offering of live music furthers the appeal. "I love live jazz, and would be a huge supporter of any jazz bar to open in the Hopkins area."

I know many students who would be thrilled with this addition, and many others who would love to explore a live jazz culture," Peabody senior Kathryn Ledwell said.

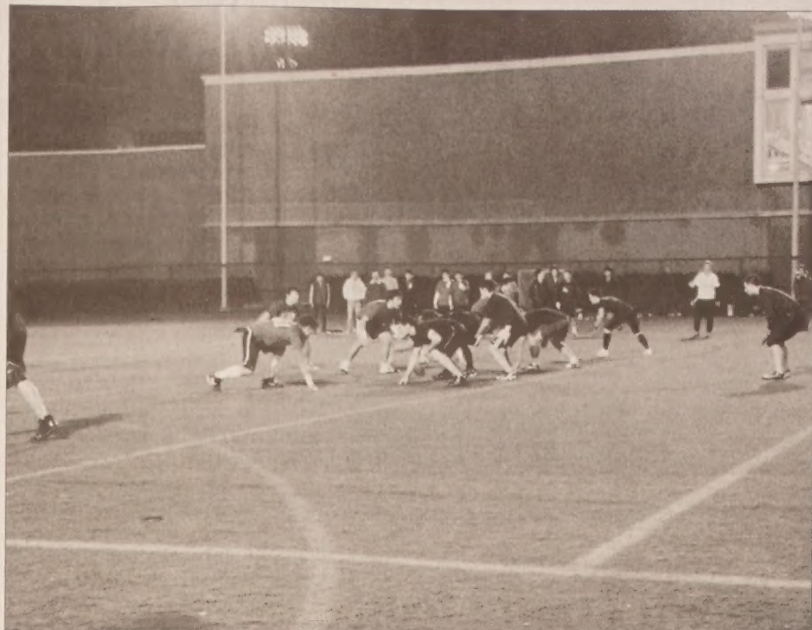
No conclusive decisions have been made regarding the space at this time.

"I met with [the Warriors Group] yesterday," Waugh said yesterday. "They're very enthusiastic about the plans but I am still waiting to receive final paperwork before further discussion can be had. We are nowhere near finalizing a deal."



COURTESY OF MARY KATHERINE ATKINS

Java Jazz Bar & Grill wants to move into the vacancy left by Ruby Tuesday.



COURTESY OF IAN YU

In its annual November tradition, members of CSA and KSA faced off in a game of no-gear tackle football.

KSA defeats CSA 5-2 in Rice Bowl

By ELI WALLACH
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The Chinese Student Association (CSA) and the Korean Student Association (KSA) competed in the annual Rice Bowl on Friday, Nov. 9. The Rice Bowl is a tackle football game held between the two organizations that has been going on for over 10 years. The game was held at night on the practice field by the rec center. In the end, the KSA won, defeating the CSA 5 to 4.

Both teams reported that they had practiced since the beginning of the year in preparation for the game.

For spectator John Jiao, a senior Molecular and Cellular Biology major, this year marks his fourth year attending the Rice Bowl.

"There is a lot of rivalry in this game," Jiao said. "It is high intensity."

Jiao is also an active member of Hopkins Emergency Response Organization (HERO), an organization very familiar with this event.

"We usually get at least one call a year for this, which is not very surprising since they choose not to wear helmets," Jiao said.

The Rice-Bowl has a history of spawning injuries, and this year was no exception. First, there was an ankle injury dealt to the quarterback of the Korean team. Then came a hard hit to the CSA team's quarterback.

Upon being tackled, the quarterback of the CSA team lost consciousness. HERO was called immediately. Although the player regained consciousness after a few seconds, he was reported to be immobile. The fire department was called to the scene to transport the injured player to the hospital. He was released from the hospital the next morning.

"I've watched this game for four years, but this is

the worst injury I've seen," senior Byungjoo Park said.

The injury paused the game for approximately 40 minutes. Ryan Zaybekin, a freshmen playing defensive line and special teams on the CSA team, reported the effects of the injury on his team as difficult but motivational.

"That did rattle us up a bit," Zaybekin said. "But we all rallied around him, saying we were going to play for him."

Taking advantage of three large coverage mismatches that resulted in touchdowns, the KSA team garnered a large lead. KSA held onto this lead until the very finish, resulting in their victory.

The KSA Team has a history of dominance in the Rice Bowl. For the past three years, they have come out with a win. Three

nese versus Koreans."

The Rice Bowl is not the only football competition among East Asian student organizations. In the Spring, the Chinese Student Association competes against the Japanese Student Association in what is referred to as the Noodle Bowl.

Besides the injuries, the Rice Bowl is largely viewed as a positive event for both student organizations.

"The Korean Student Association and the Chinese Student Association don't have very many opportunities to come together and see each other," Junior Sierra Jeong, a spectator, said. "So the Rice-Bowl is a chance to integrate amongst ourselves and get to know each other better even if it is a competition."



COURTESY OF IAN YU

CSA's quarterback Evan Lee was knocked unconscious during the game.

years ago, that win was by more than fifty points.

After the game, the hard-feelings of the rivalry were left behind.

"On the field it was real intense, we all want to win," Zaybekin said. "But once the game ended, [there were] no real hard feelings between us."

"Tomorrow these guys will be playing basketball together on the same team," Jiao said. "But today its Chi-

For senior Michael Wu, cornerback and defensive coach for the CSA team, this year marks his third Rice Bowl. And although his team was dealt a loss, he still was proud of his team's performance.

"It was a pleasure to play with the great guys on the team," Wu wrote in an email to *The News-Letter*. "We'd like to thank the fans who came out in the cold to watch us play."



COURTESY OF ELLEN BRAIT

Hopkins square still bears Ruby Tuesday on its directory sign outside of the Homewood Apartments.

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COURTESY OF PETER LI
The Fruits & Co. distributes a variety of fresh produce to its clients.

Alumni create fruit distribution company

BY GEORGINA RUPP
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Two months ago, three Hopkins graduates developed the idea for Fruits & Co., a Hopkins-based fruit delivery service. After a month of hard work, the enterprise is now up and running. Fruits & Co. delivers fresh fruit to its subscribers each week.

The fruit boxes, which contain eight servings of fruit, cost \$9.97 per week, and delivery is free. This new business endeavor aims to promote healthy eating habits for college students through its convenience, and it targets Hopkins and the surrounding community as its client base.

"Students are our target market because we can get to them most easily," Alex Villa, who graduated last year with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is in charge of web development for Fruits & Co., said.

According to the website, "7 in 10 college students do not get the recommended daily amount of fruit."

It was with this in mind that the Fruits & Co. team launched their startup.

When Peter Li, a BME in the class of 2012 and the brains behind the finances and marketing of Fruits & Co., came to Hopkins, his mother told him that he wasn't eating enough fruit. That is what sparked the idea, he said.

"It's a fruit delivery company that brings people fruit once a week," Li said. "We get the fruit, package it and deliver it within one day, so it's really fresh unlike at grocery stores."

Kevin Boyle, also a graduate in the class of 2012, is in charge of the operations behind the hassle-free deliveries.

Each fruit delivery is packaged in a reusable oak box, which customers then trade in when they receive their next delivery. The boxes last a while and help to cut waste of plastic and cardboard.

Fruits & Co. subscribers have the option to customize what fruits they receive in their box depending on their preferences. They simply have to sign up, set a delivery time of their choice and note their fruit preferences on the Fruits & Co. site. Everything else is taken care of.

"One of the main things is that grocery stores are inconvenient and overpriced for college students, so we want to bring the fruit to you, making healthy eating readily accessible," Li said.

Much of the fruit comes from local farms in the summer but is sourced from farms across the United States in winter-time. The fruits offered each week depend on what is fresh and in season.

"The fruit stays deliciously fresh for about a week, so the idea is that you always have an oak

box on your table."

Hopkins sophomore Alex Hurowitz has been a satisfied Fruits & Co. customer so far.

"I have been eating more fruit recently thanks to [Fruits & Co.]," Hurowitz wrote in an email to The News-Letter. "The fruit is good, and it's pretty sweet that it's delivered to my door."

Hurowitz receives his weekly fruit supply at the entrance of his dorm and at a time of his choosing.

Customers receive a text before their delivery arrives so that they are never left waiting. In January, Fruits & Co. hopes to hire a student liaison with access to the dorms to help with deliveries.

The Fruits & Co. client base is roughly seventy percent undergraduate with the other thirty percent comprised of faculty and staff members or locals, Li mentioned. In keeping with its clientele, Fruits & Co. follows Hopkins' academic calendar so that students don't need to suspend their subscription during vacations.

Fruits & Co. also caters to its target market through the option to have students' parents pay on the website for their kids' fruit fix. Hurowitz appreciates ease and convenience of Fruits & Co.

"With all the stresses and responsibilities of college life, I unfortunately put eating a balanced diet, especially making the effort to eat fruit, a low priority," Hurowitz wrote. "Now since Fruits & Co. has made it easier for me to procure quality fruits, I don't really have an excuse anymore. It also naturally replaces any junk food that I may snack on when in my room."

Nevertheless, Fruits & Co. is constantly looking for ways to improve and expand. A new and more refined website will be out in a couple of weeks, according to Li and Villa. In addition, there is a suggestion box on their website where customers can offer their input.

Recently, Fruits & Co. has held free fruit giveaways on the Breezeway and on Levering Quad. They also collaborated with CHEW for National Healthy Eating Day by contributing sunburst tangerines, Li said. The Fruits & Co. Facebook page has also introduced trivia giveaways featuring various fruit-related trivia and the opportunity to receive a free box of fruit at your door.

What's next for Fruits & Co.?

"Now we've established that it's viable," Li said, "so next semester we will expand into Peabody, Loyola, MICA and the med campus."

Their next marketing campaign on campus will be a huge line of flyers in Gilman tunnel that will cover the whole space with various images of hands holding fruit.

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Students For Environmental Action (SEA) hosted a viewing of the documentary *Gasland* and panel discussion this past Monday, Nov. 12, in order to raise awareness about fracking in Maryland and to help students understand its environmental effects.

The panel was led by three specialists on the issue, including Shane Robinson, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and the Environmental Matters Committee, Miranda Carter from Food & Water Watch and Earth & Planetary Sciences professor Linda Hinnov.

SEA Publicity Officer junior Thalia Patrinos came up for the idea for the event because so many students had no idea what fracking was.

"[Patrinos] knew all about fracking and how it was a huge problem," Events Chair senior Stephanie Spetka, who helped plan the event, said. "It's surprising how many people you can [ask], 'Do you know what fracking is,' and they say 'I have no idea.'"

Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, is the process of drilling for natural gas by injecting a liquid into the shale, which is a form of underground rock. This process can pollute drinking water and affect those who live nearby the drilling sites. Many, however, see fracking as a transition from dirty energy, such as coal, to renewable energy sources.

"That's the problem," Spetka said. "A lot of people don't know about it or they know about it as clean energy because that's how it's advertised, but that's not necessarily true."

The group viewed Josh Fox's documentary, *Gasland*, which was released in 2010. It concentrates on the process of fracking and examines the communities in the United States affected by it.

Fox was inspired to write the documentary after a gas company offered him \$100,000 for lease on his family land in Pennsylvania.

The documentary follows families affected by chronic health problems in Colorado, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, caused by citable issues in the drinking water. The film discusses fracking with a wide variety of experts, including gas industry executives, politicians and scientists.

Carter, who has the rights to the movie, helped Spetka bring the screening to campus.

The panelists addressed questions including the facts about fracking as a drilling method, the legislature surrounding the issue and the economic effects of fracking. The speakers also addressed their own ideas of whether or not natural gas is a long-lasting option.

The panel began by discussing what makes fracking an environmental concern. Unlike older forms of natural gas drilling, there is a higher chance for pollution issues, formed by mechanical problems that could cause chemicals to leak into drinking water.

Hinnov explained that drilling minimizes the actual damage above ground.

"When you set up and drill in multiple directions, you minimize the set-up of pads," Hinnov said. "However you're going deeper, going longer, going in different directions. The drilling could last longer so you have to incorporate more addi-

tives... You can go longer, a quarter mile horizontally."

The panel then moved on to talk about the legislative issues in Maryland, as well as at a federal level. In Maryland, fracking is concerned with many counties in western Maryland surrounding the Marcellus shale, including Allegheny and Garrett counties. People have not only been worried about fracking in Maryland; it has become a national issue especially in nearby states such as West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania where companies have been forced to reveal their statistics, some natural gas companies cited one in seven sites failing, leading to pollution of the drinking water. Besides these obvious concerns over drinking water, houses have lost values and workers coming in to drill have disrupted communities.

This issue is especially important to Spetka because of her background. She is originally from New York, which also contains part of the Marcellus Shale.

"Since I'm from New York, that hits close to home for me," she said. "I don't want them to start fracking there."

Zhen Lu, a recent 2012 graduate who attended the panel, expressed his interest in both the economic and social aspects of fracking that the panel discussed.

"It was pretty interesting to realize that there's a lot more in this industry than the profits made, there's actually people's lives directly influenced, so that was a bit humbling," Lu said.

Despite these problems and numerous protests, the country has failed to pass sufficient legislation protecting communities from fracking. Robinson explained how an executive order has set up an advisory committee in Maryland. Nonetheless, the committee requires funding and such funding has passed in the house but not the senate. It is an executive order but it is not mandated.

"They could offer permits [at any point]," Robinson said.

One of SEA's goals was to raise as much awareness of the issue as they could in order to stop fracking from expanding past Western Maryland.

"We want to make sure it doesn't move any further and hurt the rest of Maryland," Spetka said.

At a federal level, the fracking act has also received little support. "The frack act failed — that's to put fracking back into the Safe Drinking Water Act. It failed. It has no teeth. It's not going to pass anytime

soon, which is really discouraging," Carter said. "[If the bill were passed] that would mean they would have to tell us what the chemicals are, that they would have to ensure that they are not impacting drinking water and if they do they would have to clean it up."

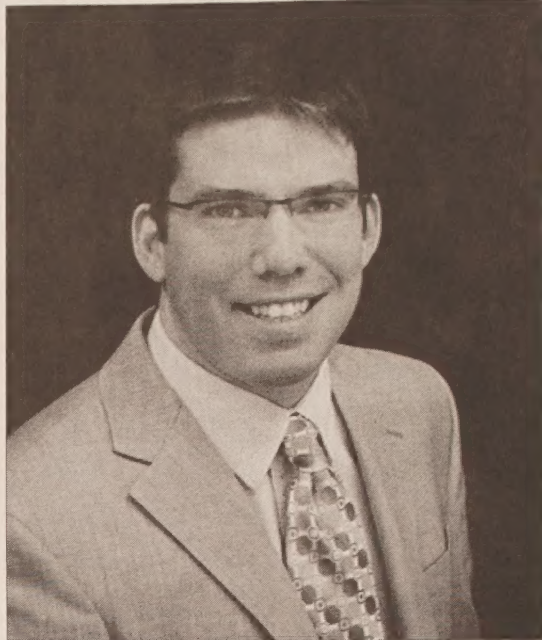
Carter continued to address the myriad problems without the legislature over the companies.

"You just saw what they can get away with... and that's only one of the federal laws. Of course we want fracking back in the

Junior Ben Ketter expressed an interest in the debate surrounding whether to not invest in safe fracking techniques.

"The technology is unsafe and the state of the technology as it is doesn't really allow for the safe practice for hydraulic pumping. There's a basic divide on the issue on whether to develop a fracking technology or develops a clean energy technology and how much to invest in either one," Ketter said.

Despite protests from a wide variety of environ-



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Shane Robinson of the Maryland House of Delegates spoke about fracking.

Safe Drinking Water Act, but it's also exempt from the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act the Superfund Act," Carter said.

Beyond the political relations surrounding fracking, the panel also addressed economic concerns. Natural gas is thought to be an essential part of the United States energy portfolio.

"Natural gas is part of the portfolio to a degree. It would be crazy to say it's going to play no part. Probably something in this room or something on this campus is helping us have this discussion right now is powered by natural gas," Robinson said, "But how much is the question."

Hinnov addressed the idea that there is most likely no more than 150 years of current energy resources left and that natural gas is thought to be a "bridge fuel."

Robinson also expressed a concern over natural gas considered being a bridge fuel.

"I was a kid when they first started talking about this as a bridge fuel, in the eighties. It's been thirty years. That's a long bridge. I don't know if it's going in the right direction," Robinson said.

mental groups, the panel further discussed the fact that fracking continues to gain support. Many buses advertise that they are powered on "clean natural gas."

In addition, Hopkins alumnus and mayor of New York City Michael Bloomberg has come out in support of fracking. Backing has continued to pour in from sources such as ads NPR radio and as has many editorials in The Washington Post.

Carter expressed concern that the natural gas companies have a great PR company, the same company that did PR for tobacco companies when people learned that cigarettes caused cancer.

Hinnov expressed hope that as fracking moves east, however, people will become more concerned with the issue. "I expect it will be a lot better than it has been out in the West," Hinnov said.

At the end of the panel the students were offered the chance to sign a petition from the Food & Water Watch. Spetka was very pleased with the turnout and hopes that SEA will do a similar event next semester. Matt Damon is coming out with an anti-fracking film called *Promised Land* that SEA could watch.

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Wales speaks at MSE Symposium in Shriver

Olmstead plans aim to improve community

Final speaker of series discusses the founding of Wikipedia and role of Internet

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about the power of the individual. People think of it as the power of a large number of people.”
He talked about the idea of crowdsourcing -- the practice of mass, impersonal solicitations, especially via the Internet -- and how it is a flawed way to view things like



CATHERINE GUENTHER/PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF
Wales drew a large crowd last night in MSE's final event, totaling more than 600 students.

Wikipedia. He stressed the importance of the individual people, both employed by Wikipedia and in the greater Internet community, who all contribute in a unique way to the website.
“Every single word in Wikipedia was written by an individual,” Wales said.
He spoke with great enthusiasm about the core concept behind his brainchild: that of a world in which everyone on the planet had “free access to the sum of all knowledge.” He stressed its relation to the idea of free speech.
Having established this point, Wales took a survey amongst the audience asking how many had used Wikipedia, resulting in a unanimous show of hands. He explained the universal nature behind Wikipedia and the specifically encyclopedic information that it provides. Wales commented on the unbiased and direct nature that all Wikipedia articles possess, regardless of what

language the article is written in. He highlighted the readership habits of certain countries, peppering the facts with levity -- especially regarding the almost universal presence of sex as a search topic.
Wales then turned to an issue of greater controversy: Wikipedia’s entry into China, where

expression means nothing if you don’t have the right to read and learn so that you can express yourself,” he continued.
Wales talk then talked on the topic of Wikipedia’s presence as the main information provider for the current generations and those who are writing this information. He cited the statistic that eighty seven percent of all Wikipedia writers are male and how this needs to be corrected. Wales hopes that females will become more prevalent contributors to Wikipedia in the future.
He then showed a video highlighting those who work and volunteer at Wikipedia. He stated that Wikipedia only has approximately one hundred employees but over one hundred thousand volunteers. He elaborated on the structure of the Wikipedia community, making jokes about his place in it.
“We have a little bit of monarchy, which is my role in the community. And like any good modern monarchy this mainly means that I wave at parades and do ceremonial acts but that does not mean that I am the dictator of all human knowledge. I am not. I don’t want to be. It’s exhausting,” Wales joked.
He then shifted the topic of his talk from Wikipedia as it affects our daily lives to the impact of the website in the developing world.
“I think this is one of the most fundamental things. I’m not going to just talk about Wikipedia in the developing world, but also the Internet more broadly,” Wales said.
Wales used the example of the introduction of mobile phones in Africa and their rapid spread as

well as the huge surge in Internet use across Africa in the past decade.
“What this is leading to is, it’s coming to consumers there a little slower than we might hope, but the broadband backbone whole sale price of data transfer is collapsing. It’s going down very, very quickly and in the city people are beginning to have reasonable speed for Internet,” Wales said.
Wales then posed the question of what people in these developing countries are doing with their Internet. He explained that it’s effectively the same things that everyone else does on the Internet.
“What do people do? They get online. When people start having real, usable Internet access the top sites the go to are Google, Facebook, Twitter, Wikipedia, and local newspapers,” Wales said.
“There is something much bigger going on, which is on the market technologies making real and usable Internet access available to millions of across Africa today,” he said. “When you think forward to twenty years from now, you’re going to have massive activity on the real Internet for hundreds of millions of people.”
Wales concluded with a brief anecdote about the power of Wikias, specifically Lostpedia -- a corpus of information pertinent to the popular ABC television series -- and how the creators of the show used it frequently in the making of the show as a means to see what the community was saying about it.
Wales then opened the floor for questions. Students touched on many topics ranging from why Jimmy Wales’s home is in England to his protesting the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) bill, which he discussed in great detail.
“I was very happy to get Jimmy Wales to come and speak today at the MSE Symposium,” Symposium co-chair Chris Alvarez said. “Everyone knows Wikipedia. When [Wales] asked ‘Who here knows Wikipedia,’ everyone raised their hand -- that’s a very powerful thing.”

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like a huge state school or a Big Ten university.”
The school also aims to minimize traffic flow throughout the campus and to make any traffic that must remain safe to students.
This will be implemented with the construction of more clearly marked and aesthetically pleasing brick crosswalks, as well as the elimination of 34th street and its replacement by a large, walk-through plaza.
Hopkins recognized the increasingly pronounced need for more buildings dedicated to establishing a student community after conducting a survey in January of last year and discovering that the most highly favored student hangout area is the library.
“On campus, the Martin Center is going to be the highlight,” Reiter said. “It is going to be a spacious, glass building and serve the purpose of simply being a social hangout, which will aid in the formation of a true student community.”
The university hopes to develop its surroundings in conjunction with the renovation of its own campus, enriching the lives of those at the school exponentially.
Reiter explained what he and his fellow SGA members were told by Fish, last week.
“The hotel is not the highlight but a way to change the area for the better. The goal is that it will encourage the rest of the street to conform and build itself up since Hopkins only owns the lot and not a large portion of St. Paul,” Reiter said.
In this way, the hotel would act as a catalyst for the improvement of a much larger region, bringing much needed progress to surrounding schools and businesses.
Reiner shared his conviction that with a hotel, Charles Village may have just the impetus it needs to strengthen its retail market and lead to the growth of new businesses from there.
“I think that though there are downward spirals, there are upward spirals too and this hotel, by allowing the community to feed and grow off of it, could send the community into a tremendous upward spiral,” Reiner said.
The University has already been in contact with three third-party develop-

ers for the project, one of whom will be chosen in the next month. Hopkins hopes to commence construction shortly following this selection, however there are some doubts.
“The speed with which they begin is contingent upon the selection of a developer and the developer’s program but, from the insight I’ve gained having worked on construction projects, I think the soonest you will see things moving at the lot will be a year from now,” Salem Reiner, Associate Director of Economic Development in the Office of the President said.
Junior Dylan Gorman, a senator also present at last week’s SGA meeting stated his approval of the project and shared his belief that such a venture would be a monumental step toward the advancement of Charles Village.
“I think it’s a great idea and that the development will benefit the entire area, especially with the attraction of new restaurants,” Gorman said.
Though Hopkins owns the Olmstead Lot at this time, the school would not fund the project itself.
“Hopkins would be very involved in the process to make sure they approve of what is being built but the school would not fund it themselves because that would negatively affect its financial credibility,” Gorman said.
Instead, the construction of the hotel and retail stores below it would be paid for by a pre-approved third-party developer and the land of the Olmstead Lot would be rented from the university.
The addition of a new hotel situated in direct proximity to the Homewood campus will be one the first projects in a series that has been planned for the neighborhoods surrounding the school called the Homewood Community Partners Initiative. The school hopes that this hotel will be a large contributor with regard to the desired improvement.
“In general hotels are not just short-term ventures and they are located at places of positive activity, whether it be economic or social,” Reiner said. “Hotels open where there is long term positive momentum.”

Hotels open where there is long term positive momentum.
-SALEM REINER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Minister talks economy, foreign relations at GCC



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Zhang emphasized the massive growth of China’s import economy.

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2010,” Shaogang said. “Also, forty-one percent reported higher profitability in China than their global average.”
Shaogang said he hopes to see the continued development of a Chinese-American partnership based on mutual respect and economic benefit during President Obama’s second term.
China already has been one of the fastest growing export markets for the US, and, looking ahead, Shaogang predicts that Chinese markets will become even more attractive.
“The size of Chinese import market is likely to exceed 10 trillion dollars in the next five years,” Shaogang said.
Such growth will present amazing and opportunities for both businesspeople in both countries.
In his concluding remarks, Shaogang stressed that although the two nations do not agree on everything, it is imperative to focus on common economic interests rather than political differences in order to achieve further economic advancement.
“China is certainly willing to work with the US for the future,” he said.

“We hope to strive for new progress in China-US partnerships in order to bring better, greater benefits to our two people and to all the people of the world.”

Errata

In the Nov.8 issue, in the article, “Eid Banquet celebrates, raises awareness,” on page A2, the writer was attributed as John Durovnik when it should have been Durovnik.
In the Nov. 1 issue, in the article, “STEP Club aims to enhance student-alumni interaction,” on page A4, STEP was named as Students for Teaching and Education in Philanthropy, when it is actually Students Transforming Engagement and Philanthropy. The article stated that the organization was founded by Em Feder Cooper, when it was founded by sophomore Asia Coladner, seniors Marni Aronson and Louisa Drake, and Development and Alumni Relations staff. The student effort is called “Thankful Thursday” and not “Thank You Thursday,” and the Office of Alumni Relations instead of the Office of External Affairs is the primary office working with STEP.
--The News-Letter regrets these errors.

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This past Sunday, the Ravens "raided" their opponent of points. A new glowing record on their tail(back), the Ravens will enter their next three games with confidence. As a Baltimorean (it's been 3.5 years – I think I can finally call myself one), I hope to see this momentum carry through as they face the Steelers, Chargers, and yes, the Steelers again. Will the Ravens continue to blow their opposition away? Quoth the raven, forevermore!



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Personally, I'd like to meet the Hopkins students who aren't in the 99th percentile... I'm a Brody regular, and there are always the same people sitting in the green worm chairs night after night. Now that Brody has answered all my prayers for a colorful work environment, I don't dare step into the depths of MSE, but I imagine a similar situation exists there too. So, if there was a High Score list for the person with the most library swipes per month, who would win? The competition would get as fierce as the one to screw up the Orgo curve. Of course, @HopkinsProblems would have to simmer down on his or her library visits #coverblown.



zooey deschanel @ZooeyDeschanel
They should probably set up the poll locations in front of amusement parks so at least you can go on a ride after you wait in line.
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Zooey – would this entail free admission? If so, you've got my vote! I would love nothing more than to kill two birds with one stone – set foot in Disney and vote for the first time. Now that my friends, is America.



Christmas Countdown @ChristmasCount
Sorry everyone, this will be my last tweet. I'm going blind because my mom washed my mouth out with soap. #AChristmasStory #soappoisoning
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A Christmas Story! A Christmas Story! A Christmas Story! Oh wait, it's not even Thanksgiving. Shocked that this Twitter account exists already, what's even more shocking is that it informed me on September 22nd that there were 2229 hours until Christmas. As much as I love the holiday season (and the Hilary Duff Christmas album), for my Twitter sanity, I hope this is the account's last tweet until after Thanksgiving. And that Ralphie is cured of his soap poisoning blindness before that day! It wouldn't be the holiday season without the glow of electric sex gleaming in the window.



Hannah Decatur
Tweets of the Week

This weekly column features some of the top posts around the Twitter realm that deal with the week's top stories in sports, politics, pop culture and all things news.

Dominion Ice Cream:
The one stop wonder

At Dominion Ice Cream, you can satisfy your sweet tooth and eat your veggies too. Located on the corner of 33rd and North Charles Street, Dominion prides itself on making great ice cream. Its website (www.dominioni-cream.com) brags that it is "healthier without compromising good taste."

Dominion is known in the food world for its inventive vegetable ice cream flavors, which are made with

real vegetables and have all the good veggie nutrients too. The best part is that you can get your veggies in a cone!

This delicious ice cream spot close to campus offers vegetable flavors like "mushroom," "spinach," "sweet potato," "ice cream," and "boney coney" tomato ice cream.

Don't like vegetables? You can get the nutrients without the tastes. Only four flavors taste distinctly like their vegetable base: cucumber, sweet corn, sweet potato and beet. General nutrition facts for a scoop of ice cream are posted on the Dominion Ice Cream website.

I've been to Dominion a few times, and every time I've gone I've started by tasting an unusual or outlandish veggie flavor. I've had mini plastic spoon sized tastes of sweet potato and tomato, both of which, to my surprise, I actually liked a lot. Some veggie flavors are distinct and spot-on; others are disguised by ice cream creaminess, tasting more like vanilla than vegetables.

Despite the excitement of enjoying my veggies in the all-too-familiar texture of my favorite food, ice cream, I've always ended up caving in and ordering Cappuccino Crunch in a wafer cone. The apple pie and German chocolate flavors have gotten rave reviews from my ice cream partners-in-crime.

Dominion ice cream is made through a unique process and results in creamy deliciousness for both veggie and dessert flavors. Next time I'm determined to get a serving of one of their infamous veggie flavors!

Many students don't know that an ice cream spot other than Cold Stone exists in Charles Village. Dominion is located at the entrance to the Blackstone. It is a small shop with one table to sit at for those that prefer not to take their ice cream on the go. When I went last, a very friendly woman who was working behind the counter helped me as I debated the various veggie flavors I wanted to taste. Unfortunately Dominion's hours are limited. It is usually open Monday through Saturday 12-9pm, but from now until March 12 it is only open until 7pm Tuesday through Saturday.

I enjoy ice cream all year round. Even in the winter, ice cream can make a great afternoon study break. Check out Dominion, enjoy an ice cream with friends and eat your veggies too!

Georgina Rupp
Delicious Dishing:
The PhenomeNOMS

That time I took part in a World of Warcraft Intervention

If you know me, then you probably know this story. In fact, maybe you know this story anyways. It starts innocently enough, the way any high school story does: 'Girl meets Boy. Girl and Boy become friends. And then things get weird. Girl shows up at Boy's door. Boy's mom invites Girl into house. Boy's mom tells Girl, 'We need to talk'. Girl freaks out, because well, parents freak her out. Through tears, Boy's mom explains that Boy has been struggling with a World of Warcraft (WoW) addiction for the last four years of his life and asks girl if, pretty please, will she attend boy's intervention. Wait – what? I actually almost laughed at Dillon's mom when she first told me about her son's addiction (come on, like really, WoW!) but then I realized she was being completely serious. The more she explained, the more it made sense too. Apparently Dillon started playing WoW in the ninth grade, and the addiction had been slowly worsening ever since – senior year had not been an exception. Senior spring, Dillon's GPA plummeted, as well as his personal hygiene. He didn't sleep anymore, which caused him to get in a car crash – totaling a new BMW. At school, he played WoW on his iPhone under the desk instead of paying attention. He had even gone as far as to steal his parent's credit card to reactivate his subscription after they had deactivated it. When his parents took away his computer, Dillon stopped communicating with them via any channel but sticky notes. Dillon's mom explained

that as soon as school ended, Dillon had left home to go live with his grandparents, missing out on all of our graduation events, because his grandparents did not believe his gaming was a problem. "He didn't even apply for college," Dillon's mom said, as she filled a glass of water for me on that summer afternoon. "His father and I had to fill out his application for the University of Idaho, and even then, we are afraid that they will revoke his acceptance considering he almost failed every single one of his second semester classes." Now maybe this wouldn't be so shocking for many second semester high school seniors, but Dillon had the held the class valedictorian spot as long as I had known him. He was that kid who on top of getting perfect grades, also was a member of the Varsity soccer team, the basketball team, the debate team and like five other school clubs. He was incredibly outspoken, and had a goofy, distinctive laugh that could be heard coming out of any given classroom throughout the school day. In fact, like I said, I was in such disbelief that he was addicted to anything, let alone WoW, that I almost laughed in the poor woman's face. This, I believed, was something out of a Southpark episode, and not something that happened to real people in real life. Which is why, at first, I wanted absolutely nothing to do with the intervention. Put on the spot, the only response that I could offer Dillion's mom was a mum-

bled "I'll think about it" before promptly doing what any other pre-Hopkins kid would have done with this strange, new information – going home to conduct extensive internet research on the subject. A quick Google-search yields extensive results for the phrase "WoW addiction." Though among these exist a fair number of spoofs, there is almost an equally substantial amount of more serious information concerning the subject – it's actually an interesting subject, and I would highly recommend further research if you are curious. Though at the end of the day, it was not statistics or news stories or even the tearful words of Dillon's mother that convinced me to participate in Dillon's intervention. Rather, it was my own interactions with Dillon himself that forced me to see the extent of his problem. Shortly after his mother's confession, I drove out to Dillon's grandparents house to see him. He opened the door – and I saw that since school had ended, something strange had happened to Dillon. His hair was overgrown, his eyes were blood-shot and his pale skin seemed unfitting for the warm June weather. I remember us sitting outside on an old pair of swings in his grandparents' yard. "Don't you feel bad about your parents?" I asked him. "'I don't care about people,'" he said. "That's such a lie," I said. "People are just a game," he said, "I can make anyone say anything I want if I try."

He must have sensed how completely appalling I found his comment because he added, "You're harder than most though – that's why I keep you around." To this day, that conversation still bothers me. His addiction, it seemed, had distorted his sense of reality. A few weeks later, I would write about that conversation in a "love letter" to Dillon. When you have an intervention, you write a "Love Letter" to the person, to explain to them why you care about them and how much it means to you for them to get better. The idea is that the letter acts like a sort of script and prevents people from getting too angry or raising their voices. You are supposed to stop talking once your letter is done. Out of respect for Dillon's family and even Dillon himself, I will spare you the gory details of the intervention. Suffice to say, two hours after the set time of the intervention – Dillon's packed bag, as well as one of the flip-flops that he had been wearing earlier that day, remained.

Dillon did not. I, along with the rest of those in attendance, read my "love letter" into a video camera, hoping that someday Dillon would see it – as far as I am aware, he still has not. Despite the interventionalist's insistence that we cut off all communication with Dillon after the intervention, I did make several attempts to contact him, before leaving for college, only to be told, rather adamantly, by his grandparents that Dillon wished to never see me again. By a strange twist of fate, I happened to know Dillon's college roommates. I often catch up with them on breaks, and usually I will ask how Dillon is – is he still gaming? The response has never surprised me – he's doing great, getting straight A's and, yeah, he's still gaming. I don't exactly think about Dillon a lot anymore, but a week and a half ago marked his 21st birthday and, briefly, I wished, that someday, he will be able to experience something real.



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BUT ALSO observations, rants, lists, thoughts, feelings, missed connections, haikus, confessions, furtive glances and, of course, sex.

Definitely check them out: Tame Impala

The Australian psychedelic rock band Tame Impala aren't newcomers to the game. Their debut LP, *Innerspeaker*, which was released in 2010, garnered general and critical acclaim. While it did have a very nostalgic feel with the 60's psychedelic rock influences, it still had a new and unique sound with the addition of a modern-day perspective. It put the spotlight on a young talented songwriter by the name of Kevin Parker. While live, Tame Impala perform as a band, in the studio, Parker records and plays every instrument.

Music was always a big part of Parker's life; he started playing the guitar and drums at a young age. In 2005, Parker formed the basis of what would

become Tame Impala. At first called the Dee Dee Dums, this band went on to achieve some local acclaim by winning various music competitions. After some band member changes, Parker changed the name of the band to Tame Impala. While the Dee Dee Dums were more hard-rock influences, reminiscent of the band Cream, Tame Impala would showcase Parker's more dream-like and psychedelic songwriting.

It didn't take long until the Australian based la-



Alex Hurowitz
Musicophilia
A history and analysis on the current state of music

bel Modular Recordings signed them in 2008, in which they soon after released their self-titled debut EP. The EP went number one on the Australian music charts and the band toured in support of the Black Keys, MGMT and Yeasayer. And with success of the EP and *Innerspeaker* looming over them, Tame Impala just released their sophomore effort titled *Lonerism* back in the beginning of October.

Does the new album live up to the hype? Absolutely. If you want an

album full of the most ingenious, dreamy and beautiful melodies out right now, then this is the album for you. While *Innerspeaker* was more hard rock, *Lonerism* has a larger pop undertone. Synths and keyboards play a larger element in formulating the melodies while the guitars generally stick to the rhythm. This prevents *Lonerism* from seeming recycled and allows it to stand out from *Innerspeaker* in its own way. The song "Feels Like We Are Only Going Backwards," which has a melody sculpted entirely with synths and a groovy bass line, has the most incredible chorus, lyrically and musically. Meanwhile, the second song of the album, "Endors Toi," starts off with a mind-melting synth instrumental and



The album cover for *Innerspeaker* is interesting and a bit trippy, but not too over the top and intimidating.

Prepare yourself for the laziness revolution

"I was gonna go to the bathroom, but then I lost my inspiration."

Here's the scenario. You're lying in bed, warm and cozy under the covers. You've reached that point where you are entirely, perfectly comfortable ... ready to drift away into the land of gleeful sheep and rapid eye movements ... and then you remember. You forgot to go to the bathroom.

a beautiful, glorious day to celebrate the act of not doing, the thought of not thinking, a National I-Can't-Be-Bothered-To-Do-Squat Day.

Imagine the possibilities! Exam in three days? Let's watch *The Wire* instead. Supposed to work on a paper? How about working on this tan. Have to go to the bathroom? I'll take a nap. Everything important that needs to be done will be replaced with trivially inconsequential tasks and time wasting techniques. Now you can organize your sock drawer without feeling guilty about that Anthropology assignment due at five. Or sample all the new Yankee Candle fragrances instead of emailing that internship contact. Or roll down that hill behind Bloomberg (let's face it, you've always wanted to do that one).



Sophia Gauthier
So They Say: Down Under

This is a reaction column to the bizarre college student quotes that sometimes make it past our mental filter, so stay witty! (Seriously, I might run out of ideas.)

We'll start a Revolution of Laziness. Get ready to shamelessly bask in the glories of Facebook and Hulu while eating inadvisable quantities of CharMar sushi. Tomorrow, we kick off a nationwide campaign: we start petitioning and gathering signatures and sponsorship. Tomorrow, we rally together the indolent, the idle, the lethargic and the apathetic of the world.

Tomorrow.

Being unobservant goes to a whole new level

Everyone at one point or another has completely missed something that was right in front of their face. I'm talking about things like looking past a friend when walking around. This happens fairly frequently to me since I have a severe daydreaming tendency, but it had never been to the point where I didn't notice things on people's faces until the other day.

While catching up on my *Happy Endings* episodes I saw that my oldest niece, Ahava, wanted to Skype. I was being summoned to be some form of entertainment since my parents went out to get goodies from Veniro's and my sister was sleeping. She caught me up on her full week off from school, thanks to Sandy, and the little adventures her, Cirillo and Alex have been on. Once introduced to my home girl Leslie she went on a baby picture spree of my brother and I, which were all unflattering and too long ago for me to even remotely remember. Eventually, after begging her to let me go get food, she showed Cirillo and Alex calmly watching Disney.

Later that same day, my parents Skyped me from

my sister's place. Thanks to Sandy my house has yet to get power back on so it's an igloo at home. My dad then started telling me about how Alex fell from the car the day before and scraped her forehead on the sidewalk and how she had a huge bump on her forehead. Initially, I was confused. There had been no bruise when I had seen her earlier, but then he got up and put her in front of the camera and there it was, a dark blue circular mass on her forehead. She only made it worse by pouting and blinking rapidly. She is so smart, she knew we were talking about it, so she milked it.

Afterwards, I couldn't stop thinking about how I missed the fact that my youngest niece had gotten a mark on her forehead and I ultimately came to a conclusion. Our brains are wonderful things that want to help us out, so instead of letting me notice it and process that she had gotten hurt it diverted my attention to other parts of her face to not stress me out and sadden me. Then again, I can't go and be too amazed by my brain, since it refuses to remember everything that's said in my classes...



Amanda Garcia
A column about my family

From asking people out to studying prep: AskMani

Dear AskMani, How do I tell my parents I'm gay? Sincerely, Afraid of Coming out of the Closet

Dear Afraid of Coming out of the Closet, If you think your parents are ready for this information then I suggest picking a time when they're extremely happy. Maybe after payday or after you've given them good news first. Then I suggest you appeal to their emotions and tell them how much you love them and what you've learned from them. Tell them about how you've thought about human sexuality and what you've concluded about yourself. Frame your monologue in a very simple manner so that you solicit empathy. Good luck.

Dear AskMani, Which company do you prefer for test prep, Kaplan or the Princeton Review? Sincerely, Studying Fiend

Dear Studying Fiend, I'm a Kaplan loyalist for one reason: the Princeton Review is filled with fancy frills and Kaplan actually gives you insight. As Hopkins students, we have the ability to think critically and we are equipped with basic skills to do "well enough" on a standardized test, however we need an "edge." Kaplan gives you that edge.

Dear AskMani, I cheated on my boyfriend, with his best friend. What do I do? Sincerely, Completely Lost

Dear Completely Lost, This is one tough situation to be in. I suggest you first talk with his best friend just to reconcile what happened. If there are some hidden feelings then you really need to deal with them. In my opinion, honesty really is the best policy (even though it sucks sometimes) but at least a weight will be lifted off of your shoulders. This weight will probably be transferred to your boyfriend and you're going to have to be sensitive to that. Make sure you

verbally apologize. Dear AskMani, I'm a freshman and a grad student wants to date me... thoughts? Sincerely, Is older always better?

Dear Is older always better?, People say age is just a number and frankly, it is. You know the pros and cons of the situation. If there is nothing sketchy about the situation and no immediate danger then, why not? Explore your options. You don't have to agree to marry him now or anything so just see where it goes. Make sure you two can communicate well. That always helps.

Dear AskMani, I'm white and I really like this African American girl.

How do I impress her and what are your thoughts on interracial dating? Sincerely, Dating Newbie

Dear Dating Newbie, I personally believe that love isn't racist. You have to be realistic and know that if you two are together then you may have to deal with some racist people, but luckily, Hopkins is a very accepting environment. I suggest you bring down your barriers and show her who you are on the inside — at the end of the day you want someone to appreciate who you really are, right? Then let her know why you like her (a reason besides her looks is best). That should be a good start. You got this!



The Gay Pride Parade in London showcased the large amount of people who support gay marriage.

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Editorial

Students sponsor events on hot topics

During the past week, the student groups Hopkins Helping the Homeless and Students for Environmental Action each hosted a panel of guest speakers, inviting Hopkins students to become involved in an effort to raise awareness for pressing social and environmental issues beyond campus.

Hopkins Helping the Homeless featured speakers from Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau, a national organization, to not only educate students with facts and first-person accounts about homelessness, but to also suggest ways students can directly help. Students for Environmental Action similarly presented a distinguished panel of speakers, along with a free dinner and screening of the environmental documentary *Gasland* to raise awareness about the dangers of hydraulic fracturing — a technology that increases the production of gas at the cost of environmental pollution and serious health risks.

This page applauds these student-run initiatives for raising awareness about ongoing issues outside the

Hopkins community. Educating undergraduates about fracking is particularly important because Hopkins prides itself on its science background, but many students are admittedly unaware of what fracking really is. Additionally, Hopkins Helping the Homeless has exemplified praiseworthy dedication to its cause by adopting a grassroots approach to tackle its targeted issue around campus: implementing direct methods of help, such as the distribution of personal hygiene kits and fundraising for the publication of writing by the homeless.

It is likewise commendable that these initiatives are inviting Hopkins students to engage in activities, discussions and events with purposeful goals that address real issues. It would be useful to diversify these types of initiatives to attract more students according to their studies or personal interests. The number of attendees to both events was modest, but these awareness and outreach initiatives are a promising start to more student involvement both on campus and in the surrounding community.

Janson Trieu



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Plan for hotel is irresponsible

The News-Letter is entirely correct that the scheme to turn the 33rd & St Paul site into a hotel is slap in the face of local residents and students. It would be detrimental to both

— and why would out-of-towners want to stay in Homewood far from the city attractions? The real estate bubble driven development on both sides of St Paul between 33rd and 32nd wiped out a large section of apartments, contributing to soaring rental costs

for students in Charles Village. The priority should be on replacing those units at the Olmstead lot, perhaps combined with a supermarket. Plus internal parking to avoid further overloading the local streets.

-Gregory Paul

All parts of campus should be bully-free

This letter is in response to a recent News-Letter article about National Coming Out Day. I would like to share with the Hopkins community an experience I had here on campus coming out as gay; I was bullied, right here on this campus, to the point of being alienated from my religious community.

For the last three years, I have found my home at the Hopkins Hillel. I found most of my friends there.

But last year, I came

out as gay to this prominent Jewish community, and it was a disaster.

Shortly after my coming out, a friend of mine who was also a member of Hillel sent me a text explaining that he could no longer talk to me. I soon discovered that after receiving this text message, coming to Hillel would become a complete nightmare. When I then came there for Sabbath dinners, my "friends" would join the student in all social interactions, leaving me completely isolated. When I reached out to my "friends," they told me that this student was a "nice guy." They told me that my

feelings of being hurt from bullying were irrational, and therefore stemming from some character flaw. These "friends" enabled bullying against a gay student, and because they allowed it to continue, they are bullies, too.

I would like to see students help to spearhead gay programming at Hillel, especially because these bullies do not represent the entire student group. Only until these students demonstrate through action their dedication to acceptance at Hopkins Hillel, will it be an acceptable place for all gay, Jewish students.

- Caitlin Fuchs-Rosner

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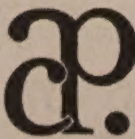
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It's high time to end the War on Drugs and legalize marijuana

By ANDREW DORIS

Last week Colorado and Washington made international headlines by becoming the first states to legalize marijuana for recreational use. These measures contradict existing drug policy at the federal level, and many pundits anticipate a legal showdown that goes all the way to the Supreme Court. But the short-term outcome of these battles will do little to change the long-term necessity of ending the War on Drugs. Legalizing marijuana across all 50 states is long overdue, and whenever it inevitably comes to pass it will make our nation richer, safer and freer.

In times of recession and massive debt, the fiscal savings and economic benefits of legalization cannot be overlooked. State and federal governments spend tens of billions of dollars every year to find, arrest, prosecute and imprison nonviolent drug offenders. Legalizing marijuana would decrease these costs while simultaneously increasing tax revenues (both from taxing the sale of marijuana itself and from the income taxes levied on the new industry).

The cannabis industry also has tremendous growth potential due to the plants' many industrial uses. A distinct variety of cannabis called hemp can be used to make

dozens of everyday products in a cheap, efficient and environmentally friendly way. Cannabis itself can be fermented to produce energy, and is already a useful biofuel with the potential to reduce our dependence on oil.

Finally, by removing artificial restrictions on supply and enabling competition, legalizing marijuana would bring the price of pot closer in line with the cost of production, increasing economic efficiency in general.

Legalizing marijuana would also make us safer, for at least three reasons. First, it would defund organized crime. Prohibition gives a monopoly to those willing to break the law by shielding them from competition and taxation. This inflates the price of pot and sends lucrative profits to gangs and cartels – including the same Mexican drug cartels that have killed an estimated 60,000 people in drug-related violence since 2006. The profits from this underground empire are used to fund activities far more sinister than hitting the bong; these cartels are known to dabble in kidnapping, extortion, weapons smuggling, child sex slavery and hired assassination. Legalizing marijuana would divert money away from these thugs by eliminating the underground demand for their most popular product.

Second, legalization would

make the marijuana trade itself safer by turning a sometimes violent black market into a transparent and regulated one. Consumers would no longer need to buy their weed from professional criminals, and bloody turf wars between rival distributors would disappear as the demand for their services dried up. And not only would the process of selling pot be safer, but the pot itself would be safer; the street practice of lacing weed with more addictive drugs or filler substances would be replaced by the quality controls and business accountability of a regulated market.

Third, legalization would decrease crime by rebuilding America's poorest and most desperate communities. Imprisoning peaceful people for victimless crimes destroys families and inhibits economic advancement, which in turn actually increases crime. When poor fathers are thrown in jail or killed in an unnecessarily dangerous drug world, their families become even more desperate and dysfunctional. Studies show that children growing up in these broken households are more likely to demonstrate aggressive behavior, to be delinquent, suspended or expelled from school and to turn to crime themselves. Additionally, having a criminal record decreases employment opportunities and lowers earnings potential going forward. This ensures that people

convicted of drug crimes have fewer places to turn besides back to crime upon their release.

And by making the illegal drug trade so lucrative, prohibition has only increased the temptation to engage in illicit activities. Legalization would reverse both of these incentives. First it would reduce the appeal of crime by removing the underground marijuana trade as a profitable option. And second, it would reduce the necessity of crime by decreasing incarceration and increasing the legal employment opportunities of would-be convicts.

Finally, the most compelling benefit of legalization is that it asserts our fundamental human freedom to do as we so choose. For patients with debilitating diseases, that freedom would finally grant them access to the painkilling and nausea reducing medicine they need. For millions of black Americans, that freedom would mean they are no longer discriminated against by an abusive drug war that targets their neighborhoods and ignores their civil rights. And for hundreds of thousands of prospective inmates, that freedom would be realized in the most literal sense imaginable: they would be free from prison.

Legalization would reaffirm the individual liberties of all Americans, and remove the threat of arrest or worse for our personal

lifestyle decisions. Deciding to smoke a joint is every bit as much of a personal choice as deciding to drink a beer or to eat a greasy hamburger. On such matters, it's not the governments place to protect us from ourselves. Free people should be allowed to do whatever they please to the extent that it doesn't harm others, and private marijuana consumption in the comfort of one's own home simply does not do that.

Marijuana certainly isn't nearly as harmful or addictive as legal drugs like alcohol or tobacco. But as a recent editorial in the *Seattle Times* put it, the relevant question isn't whether marijuana is good, but "whether prohibition is good. It is whether the people who use marijuana shall be subject to arrest, and whether the people who supply them shall be sent to prison. The question is whether the war on marijuana is worth what it costs." The answer is a clear no. No one knows exactly how the showdown between state and federal law will play out over the coming months. But in any case, prohibition is far too costly, dangerous and oppressive to last much longer.

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Why you should stay away from the retail stores on Black Friday

By IAN YU

Towards the end of next week, most students will return home or at least gather with friends and family to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

But the last thing anyone should do is get up early the next day and venture to the biggest mess in American consumer culture, Black Friday.

Always drawing heaps of excitement, Black Friday draws in throngs of consumers scrambling

to get the "best deals" and "steepest discounts" on gifts for the holidays. Shoppers will crowd the nation's malls and department stores, clog every roadway and fill every parking spot. At the Woodbury Commons Premium Outlets, the country's largest outlet shopping mall, parking will be available to shoppers at the nearby Bear Mountain State Park – a good 20 minute drive away. Yes, there will be shuttles, but the traffic will be a nightmare.

Why is it, though, that the start of the holiday shopping season brings such a huge mess nationwide in a country such as ours? The madness never ceases to falter and the craziness only gets worse. Walmart recently made headlines for the boldest and perhaps most ridiculous change to the Black Friday clock: they're starting at 8PM on Thanksgiving. Sure, they opened at 10PM last year and other retailers opened at midnight, but just a little over a decade ago, shoppers and workers alike at least got some sleep

after their turkey dinner before venturing out at 6AM on Friday.

Worse still, Black Friday has brought out the ugly side of Americans in recent years. Four years ago, a Walmart employee was trampled to death in Valley Stream, N.Y. when a crowd of 2,000 shoppers broke down the doors. Two years ago, a man in Madison, Wisconsin threatened fellow shoppers with a gun who objected to him cutting in line outside a Toys 'R' Us. And just last year, a woman used pepper spray on fellow shoppers waiting in line at the Walmart in Porter Ranch, Calif.

Sure these are extreme cases, but Americans need to wean themselves off this shopping addiction driven in large part by the major retailers. The smallest differences in discounts can go either way during the ensuing four weeks leading to Christmas and a steadier distribution of shopper traffic can achieve the same sales targets which retailers set for themselves.

The only way that Americans can send a message is to boycott

Black Friday. Sure, workers have made some effort – especially those at a number of Walmart locations nationwide who plan to strike in protest of the egregious hours – but the loudest voice is the consumer. Poor numbers for Black Friday sales would echo across corporate America.

Better yet, get some of your shopping done at a small business or other local entity. It does not have to be on Small Business Saturday, but show your support for businesses that actually treat their workers with dignity and can meet consumer demands.

Instead of perpetuating the monument of horror in American consumerism, take the last Friday of November to enjoy time with friends and family. Make turkey sandwiches, get outside – just do something as far away from the shopping centers as possible.

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Leveraging the fiscal cliff: Obama should hold firm

By KAUSHIK RAO

After last Tuesday's election, we saw President Obama earn his re-election, the Democrats keep the Senate and the Republicans keep the House. The focus in Washington has now shifted towards the rapidly approaching fiscal cliff on Jan. 1. The fiscal cliff refers to the automatic expiration of the Bush tax cuts and across-the-board spending cuts that will be implemented on New Year's Day if Congress does not pass a new budget for the next fiscal year.

Both parties want to cut the deficit but disagree on a proper method to do so. The Republicans want to simply cut government spending. But this alone will not decrease the deficit by any significant amount. The Democrats' plan of increasing tax revenues along with cutting government expenditures provides better long term deficit relief. A deal will need to be reached between these two contending ideologies to prevent us from going over the fiscal cliff.

John Boehner, the Republican Speaker of the House, has already declared that his party will not accept any revenue tax increases as part of any deal. Therefore, President Obama has a decision to make. He can either give in to Boehner's demands without getting any much-needed revenue tax increases for the government, or he can stand firm during negotiations and call Boehner's bluff. It would be a better option for President Obama, and for the country in the long run, to go off the fiscal cliff if Boehner and the House Republicans do not accept any revenue increases.

First, by not giving in to Boehner's demands, Obama would be re-energizing his political base that was disappointed when he made significant concessions to the Republicans during the budget debate at the end of 2010. Second, he would be sending a message to his opposition in Congress that he will not continue to

be forced into accepting deals that he does not approve of.

By going off the fiscal cliff, the Bush tax cuts would end for everyone and the Democrats would be able to introduce a new tax reform bill on the House floor that would decrease taxes for anyone who makes less than \$250,000 a year. There would be immense pressure on the Republicans to accept this deal because many of their constituents will be upset if they feel like their party is allowing them to lose money while protecting corporations and anyone who makes over \$250,000 a year.

Also, with an economy slowing down due to higher across-the-board taxes, many of the Republicans' top backers – corporate donors – would be placing pressure on a deal to be accepted to improve the economy. If the Republicans were to reject the bill, they would be seen as the party that is opposed to tax cuts and only supports special interests.

It's important to note that any excess taxes that are weighed on the middle class due to a month of higher taxes after the expiration of the Bush tax cuts will be returned to the tax payers by April when most people file their taxes. Anyone in the middle class will be able to apply for a tax refund under the new tax legislation and therefore the middle class will not lose any revenue due to the fiscal cliff.

Thus, President Obama cannot give in to excessive demands from the Republicans in the last week of December to get a deal done. In this case, no deal would be better than accepting a bad deal. If America wants to see viable tax reform in the near future, President Obama must be willing to play hardball with the House opposition and be ready to use the fiscal cliff to leverage his negotiating power.

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Obama's second chance to win over Arab World

By BAYLY WINDER

Four years ago, President Barack Obama's election suggested a newly positive direction in U.S.-Arab relations. Symbolically, his first television interview was with the Saudi-owned channel al-Arabiya. He then traveled to Cairo, Egypt in June 2009 and delivered an inspiring and compassionate speech. He even demonstrated a heightened awareness of the plight of the Palestinians. A renewed sense of hope flooded Arab streets and Obama's refreshing rhetoric was welcomed with open arms. Following a Bush administration which left ties with the Arab people in disarray, Obama seemed to be saying all the right things and healing a diseased relationship.

Then, as is painfully common in American politics, Obama's words fell flat. His first-term policy on the Middle East was marked by inaction. He certainly had massive domestic problems to tend to, but that does not excuse his reluctance to tackle the tough issues of the region. His skittish dealings with the Arab Spring offended dictators and opposition movements alike. Despite displaying public disdain for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Obama sat idly by as Tel Aviv's government con-

tinued to build new settlements and violate international norms.

Remarkably, in spite of the grim picture depicted above, I witnessed an overwhelmingly positive response to Obama's reelection here at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Doha, Qatar. A crowd of predominately Arab students looked on at Obama's acceptance speech, applauding enthusiastically.

Some analysts explain this reaction as Arabs seeing the president as the lesser of two evils, compared to Romney, who has exhibited a thorough disregard for Arab perspectives. Yet, there is an opportunity for a second-term President Obama to sharpen his policy and improve relations with the Arab world in coming months.

First off, without the prospect of re-election, Obama can become more independent of a Congress which appears determined to represent Israeli interests. By taking a more balanced approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, he could rekindle the peace process and stress the need for moderation on both sides.

In Syria, the chance for the U.S. to assert itself is fading fast. The blurry message offered so far by Obama and his cabinet is a far cry from the type of leadership America has traditionally

been known for. Even if a change does not mean fully supporting armed intervention, it would still benefit all parties if the world's dominant power made its stance on Assad's regime and the opposition clear.

In terms of defusing the Iranian nuclear crisis, some reassurance from the head of state would calm a crowd of sensational journalists, impassioned hawks and a generally confused populace. Additionally, more open communication with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the remaining Arab states would leave less room for speculation and immoderate voices.

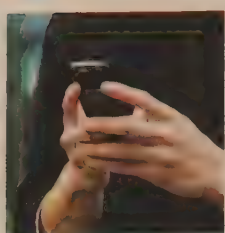
Hopefully, one of President Obama's New Year's resolutions will be to construct and articulate a more authoritative policy on the Middle East. As new Arab governments emerge, he should initiate a rallying dialogue with a strengthened commitment to democratic reform, human rights and interfaith discourse. As the people of Damascus, Jerusalem and elsewhere grow increasingly restless, Obama should capitalize on his credibility in the Arab World before it deteriorates further.

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Skyfall indulges your inner spy

When I was little some of my dream jobs included being a spy, or a princess, or a ballerina or a dinosaur (I always forwent being a dinosaur because I didn't think it would work out well, what with the extinction and all.)

Anyway, I wanted to be a spy and sometimes I still do but then I laugh at myself and go back to reading about agriculture in the Roman Republic.

Totally more exciting than a spy.

Last Friday I went out to see Skyfall, the latest installment of the James Bond franchise. I'm not the most critical when it comes to things like movies. As long as I'm entertained I'm cool as a cucumber.

But I'm innately biased because I'm not the biggest fan of Daniel Craig (the latest 007).

Instead, I go for tall, dark and Scottish (cough, cough, Sean Connery).

Whenever James Bond or Sean Connery is brought up I do my Sean Connery accent.

(If you ask any of my friends, they'll say it's absolute crap but that's just because they're petty and jealous.)

Anyway, I loved the film and the three main things that I especially liked about it were: Javier Bardem as the Bond villain, Adele and the explosions.

Dawson Cheeky Weekend

to start off, Javier Bardem, the guy from No Country for Old Men... doesn't ring a bell? Well then, maybe you know his wife, Penelope Cruz?

Ok, well, just know him as the Bond villain; we're keepin' it simple here.

One important ingredient in a James Bond film is the Bond villain. You ALWAYS need a good Bond villain, but, sadly enough, you don't always get what you want.

However, Javier Bardem has to be one of the best

James Bond villains that I've ever seen

He portrays a certain level of awkward, insane creepiness with badly dyed bleach-blond hair that burns your retinas and will subsequently give you nightmares. His whole persona is mesmerizing and his character is a true blue proper villain

Now, with a great villain checked off of the list of awesome, we now need a breathtaking theme song. Skyfall by Adele? Double freakin' check. I love Adele's music and when I heard that she was doing the theme song I freaked out a little.

Although Adele did have some hard competition. I'm mainly speaking about the amazing Dame Shirley Bassey and her glorious songs, in particular, Diamonds are Forever. The song is fantastic and if that doesn't convince you to go then the explosions will.

In simple terms, there are a TON of explosions. And there's not much more to say on that topic.

In summation (ooh, snazzy!) I highly recommend Skyfall for die-hard fans or for first timers.

One warning, it's over two hours long.

But if you do go to see the film, playing at the Rotunda and most other Baltimore movie theaters, enjoy Javier Bardem, Adele and the explosions!



Seeing an exciting movie like Skyfall is a good way to spend your weekend.



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Pete's Grille, a Waverly restaurant is hosting a pancake eating competition where one could win \$500.

Pancake eating contest at Pete's Grille

By ALEXA KWIATKOSKI
Your Weekend Editor

Looking for a fun way to gain weight this weekend? Want to drown your too-much homework sorrows in pounds of delicious food?

Then how about a pancake eating contest?

Well, you're in luck, because there's one this weekend!

Pete's Grille, a local Baltimore restaurant located on Greenmount Avenue is hosting its 21st annual competition this Friday the 16th of November.

The event starts at 7 a.m. so get up early.

The entrance fee is only \$20. Not bad for a whole bunch of big fluffy pancakes!

And if the pancakes themselves aren't enough of an incentive, there will be a \$500 cash prize for the winner of each division.

You can sign up for the contest 7 days a week dur-

ing regular business hours at Pete's Grille.

But don't get too excited if you're a professional competitive eater (as I'm sure many of you are). The event is only for amateurs.

So all you wannabe eating contestants, don't worry, you have a shot.

And if you're a girl, don't be intimidated. There's a special division

for women. Last year the winner ate 12 pancakes.

Think you can beat that, ladies? Then join in the competition and show off your stuff.

It's easy money, and Pete's Grille is renowned for their breakfast foods.

Come out to Waverly this Friday morning and eat your way to victory. You could walk away with glory and even \$500!



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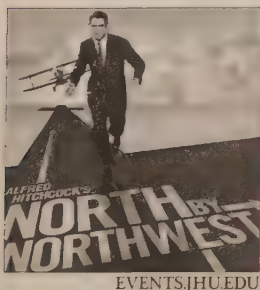
This weekend win money and eat yummy pancakes at Pete's Grille.

JHU and B'more Happenings

Thursday Nov. 15

Get Your Pie On!
7 - 9 p.m.
Nolan's

MedLife and JHU ISL present a Pie-Eating contest. \$5 buy-in, winning teams receive a Chipotle gift card. All proceeds go to clinics abroad and to community events in the spring.



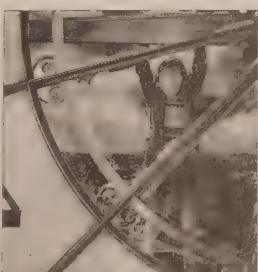
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Hitchcock's North by Northwest
7:30 p.m.
Shriver

JHU Film Society brings you Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 classic, North by Northwest. This

thriller stars the ever debonair Cary Grant. Like all good movies, it features a case of mistaken identity and a cross-country chase. Don't miss your chance to see this famous film in 35mm.

Friday Nov. 16



EVENTSJHU.EDU

Hugo
8 p.m.
Gilman 50

If you're in the mood for another great movie, come see Martin Scorsese's Hugo. This adventurous film is based on the novel by Brian Selznick. Set in the 1930s, it tells the story of an orphan-

ned boy who lives alone in a Parisian train-station.

Witness Theater Original One Acts
8 p.m.
Arellano Theater, Levering

Hopkins' Witness Theater presents a showcase of original student-written one act plays. There will be performances Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. So come support your fellow students as they show off their writing, directing and acting skills.

Celebrity Poker Night
9 p.m.
Nolan's

Like to gamble with no chance of losing money? RAB and FSI present a fun way to win prizes and interact with students and faculty. There will be refreshments and

mocktails. Don't miss this opportunity to win up to \$100!

Saturday Nov. 17



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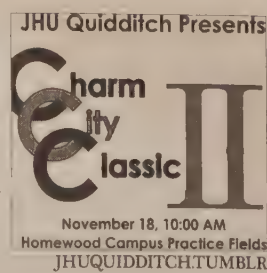
An Evening with Anthony Bourdain
8 p.m.
Hippodrome Theater

Food network star and TV personality Anthony Bourdain will be in Baltimore this weekend. He is known for his shows No Reservations and The Layover on the Travel Channel. Given his frequent use of profanity, his performance Guts and Glory is sure to be an entertaining experience.

Sunday Nov. 18

Quidditch Tournament
All Day
Homewood Practice Fields

The Second Annual Charm City Classic Quidditch championship is presented by our very own team, the Hopkins Hallows. Teams from 5 other colleges will be on campus to compete in this renowned sport come to life from the pages of Harry Potter.



Contemporary Wing Reopening
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Baltimore Museum of Art

This weekend the

BMA reopens its contemporary wing. You can be among the first to see the renovated space. There will be live performances, such as a poetry reading and a fashion show. Look out for demonstrations and art-making activities as well. The revamped wing now features exciting interactive galleries.



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Interfaith Potluck Dinner
6 - 9 p.m.
Charles Commons Ballroom

This Sunday night the Interfaith Center presents a home cooked pre-Thanksgiving meal. Stop by for a yummy end to your weekend.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

VIVAZ dance show features student groups

By DUYEN TAT
Senior Staff Writer

VIVAZ brought the spirit of the Caribbean to Arellano Theater Friday night with their third annual "Vivaz to Di World" dance showcase.

VIVAZ seeks to bring the culture of the Caribbean and Africa to Hopkins through poetry and dance. Last weekend's showcase featured guest performances by SLAM and Temps D'Afrique.

Juniors Courtney Reynolds and Makesi Paul hosted the event, and brought energy, humor and liveliness to the stage.

They engaged the audience through comic exchanges and offered contextual background to each of the performance groups.

The audience was uproarious in response to their cracks — at one point, they even pulled up a few audience members to show off their own dance moves.

After watching Reynolds' and Paul's hilarious banter, it became clear that the night was not just about dance.

Rather, it became about bringing the campus's Caribbean community together for a celebration of culture.

VIVAZ's first performance of the night was by far its most organized and rehearsed.

The choreography was on point, and all of the girls were in sync with each other and with the music.

There were playful wolf whistles and cat calls thrown at the stage because of the personal connections that the performers had with much of the audience.

And indeed, there was enough hip action to call for such responses.

Their choice of music, a mix of mainstream dance songs (like Shakira's "Rabiosa") and lesser known dance beats, complimented the fun atmosphere.

SLAM, Hopkins's only hip-hop group, gave a technically adept and sensual performance.

Though it was enjoyable, the dance style and choice of song (Taeyang's "I Need a Girl") didn't fit the night's Caribbean theme.

Temps D'Afrique offered an entertaining performance, with colorful costumes and bold dance moves got the audience rocking along.

Afterwards, the dancers joined the audience to cheer on their friends in VIVAZ.

Though it was called a dance show, the event seemed to be more like a cultural showcase and gathering of a community at Hopkins that is relatively anonymous on campus.

The audience vocally expressed their pride in their Caribbean heritage, and their performances celebrated that energy.

Caribbean dishes shared after the show allowed everyone to further experience Caribbean heritage.

Unfortunately, the show itself was sparsely attended.

Most of the audience consisted of friends of performers, and they offered encouraging energy for performers to feed off of.

Even though there were not that many people in the crowd, their excitement made enough noise to fill the entire theater.

Though Arellano itself is drab, the choice of venue served to highlight the vibrancy of the performances of the night.

By FLORENCE NOORINEJAD
For The News-Letter

Last Saturday, the Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted its 26th annual Culture Show — a Carmen Sandiego themed event that featured performances by 18 Hopkins student organizations.

Though the show did serve its purpose of displaying the talent of a large number of multicultural groups on campus, overall, the night was a mixed bag of highs and lows.

From the beginning, the house didn't seem to be too enthused.

A bit of prodding and more than a few stilted comedic sketches from the three emcees — senior Tola Lawal, junior George Vincent Alvarez and freshman Ronann Carrero — finally roused some return energy and participation from audience members. All of this culminated in a memorably hilarious and impromptu Gangnam Style session in the middle of Act Two.

As funny as this and several of Ronann's one-line zingers were, though, the highlight of the show was most definitely the performances.

Several Hopkins mainstays — Jaywalk, Hareepa, Temps d'Afrique, Modern Dance, Shakti, JOSH, etc. — took the stage alongside some new and/or fairly unknown talent such as saSON, an a cappella group that focuses on Latin America and Caribbean music, the Turkish and Filipino Students Associations and classical Indian music group, Surageet. One of the best numbers of the night came from the Turkish Students Association.

Seven of their members put on a completely integrated show that included two student singers, three musicians, each on multiple instruments, and a pair of ballroom dancers to a version of Dean Mar-



Students celebrated different cultures this weekend via dances and songs from various cultural groups. GEORGINA EDIONSERI/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

tin's "Sway" with a Turkish tune.

Not only was each and every section formidable in its own right, but they all blended together seamlessly to form a truly wonderful ensemble piece and, moreover, and fantastic end to the first act.

True to form, Hopkins Hareepa, Temps d'Afrique, Masti, and VIVAZ all delivered fun, energetic performances in their respective dance styles that left audience members both pumped and convinced, to use the words of the girl sitting behind me, that "they must be so tired!"

JOSH, on the other hand, fell a little short of their typically put-together standard; the female Indian fusion dance group performed a rather lackluster set to a choppy medley of candy-themed music. The girls did get better and better as the piece went on, however, and ended on a relatively strong note.

Similarly, Jaywalk — usually a consistent deliverer of lyrical, impressive dance numbers — strayed from this expectation with their Mayan-apocalypse inspired routine.

The dance seemed to be little more than a string of tricks that, though well-executed for the most part, were largely unrelated to Culture Show's spirit, and were by and large a bit overdone.

Balancing out the show's more exuberant performances were the JHU Gospel Choir's serenely powerful rendition of "Awesome," as well as a highly controlled and masterful traditional number from classical Indian dance team Shakti.

Following in this vein was the JHU Modern Dance Company with "Avenging Angels," a darkly compelling piece based on the movie The Crow. The three dancers on stage certainly channeled this inspiration well with sharp, craning neck movement and crazy, turned-in side extensions.

Claiming the title of 'most unexpected performance of the evening' would have to be JHU Surageet.

Formed in 2010, this Indian music group is small and relatively unknown on campus.

After their entrancing performance Saturday night, however, it would be

surprising if they continued to be obscure; the cohesiveness and overall talent of the group really shone through their performance.

Clearly, Culture Show comprised of some really wonderful talent on the part of the student groups that were chosen to perform.

As a result, it really is unfortunate that the show was so long (over two-and-a-half hours) that not all of the groups had the opportunity to exhibit this talent to the entirety of the attending audience. Students began leaving steadily after each successive performance in the second act.

In an apt evaluation of the show as a whole, junior Michelle Ploch stated that it "showed a great diversity of student culture," but she wished that "they would have filtered some acts."

Though it was great to have such a large number of multicultural organizations represented, it would probably serve everyone better if the show had condensed either the number groups showcased or the maximum length of time for which each could perform.

Skyfall is the Daniel Craig's best James Bond yet

By FRANK DAWEDEIT
For The News-Letter

Skyfall, the most recent installment in the James Bond franchise, hit theaters last weekend with fewer kills, fewer martinis and fewer conquests than Daniel Craig's previous performances — and with about forty extra minutes of screen time.

It might possibly be Craig's best Bond film yet.

Directed by low-profile (and Academy Award-winning) Sam Mendes, *Skyfall* defied every expectation Bond fans held for the movie.

The over-the-top chase scenes from *Casino Royale* were largely absent.

The gritty violence so prevalent in both of Craig's previous films was incredibly subdued.

And while the women were stunning, Bond seemed to be sleepwalking in each encounter with them, focused solely on what he describes as "that pathetic love of country."

Quantum of Solace haters will see the change they sought in spades. The

old school skeptics who cling to Sean Connery and deplore the casting of Mr. Craig should have a hard time finding fault with *Skyfall*.

It's easy to figure out the movie's premise from the trailer: Bond is killed early in the story... or so the audience is led to believe.

After rising from the

grave, 007 is promptly called to quell a threat to the people of Her Majesty and the world: a mysterious madman who hacks national security firewalls with the same inexplicable eagerness audiences saw from Heath Ledger's Joker in *The Dark Knight*.

Speaking of Batman, critics will surely find it brings the quality film detail and raw character study that *The Dark Knight Rises* lacked.

Bond isn't out for pride as he was in *Casino Royale*, nor for vengeance like in *Quantum of Solace*. This time around, Bond is out to protect the Crown and, most importantly, his



Over the years, Daniel Craig has grown into his role as the iconic British spy. COURTESY OF SONY PICTURES

boss/undeclared surrogate mother, M (Judy Dench).

Skyfall is a firestorm of fierce patriotism, as is every Bond movie.

Bond and M are undercut at every turn due to a political witch hunt spearheaded by the assistant to the Prime Minister, Gareth Mallory (Ralph Fiennes).

To no one's surprise, Oscar winner Javier Bardem (*No Country for Old Men*) easily steals the show.

His portrayal of a former MI6-operative-turned-blond-maniac-who's-out-for-blood, undermining British intelligence from his private island with the ruthless regard only a neglected genius can harbor, proves a worthy foe for Bond.

His bloody vendetta against M is seriously disturbing — if you can make

it through the first hour of the movie, cursing its (comparably) tedious progress and wondering when the hell the villain will finally appear.

But once *Skyfall* takes off, it doesn't stop.

Bond barely has time to bone two broads in the first half, and suddenly he's running for his life, as well as those of M, the Prime Minister, and all of London... despite relentless opposition from the Crown.

If anyone wondered where the real Bond was in *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace*, you'll find out now. He's bruised, beaten, and bloody brilliant.

His savage adversary blows away any lingering memory of the depravity of *Quantum of Solace*, Dominic Greene.

Unveiled delves into Muslim life in America

Play delves into post-9/11 stereotypes

By JENNIFER DIAMOND
For The News-Letter

"[Racism] stops with me. That's why I write," declared a young hip-hop rapper in Rohina Malik's travelling play, *Unveiled*.

This powerful and dynamic piece took over Arellano Theater this past Monday and provided the audience with a moving meditation on what it means to be a Muslim woman in America.

Co-sponsored by The Digital Media Center, Homewood Arts Programs, Campus Ministries, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Program for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Malik's one-woman play used the narratives of five different characters to delve into the struggles and stereotypes Muslim women may encounter in America, specifically in a post-Sept. 11 world.

Ms. Malik played all five characters herself, maneuvering around a simple tables-and-chairs set and quietly swapping jackets, shawls, and sweaters as she transitioned between characters.

Each narrative came from a different woman of the Islamic faith who had decided to wear the veil, a

traditional Muslim head-covering.

The characters all spilled their stories across the stage as they revealed painful details about the hardships they had experienced while trying to stay true to their faith in an often ignorant and prejudiced country.

The narratives floated smoothly between interview-style monologues and small snapshots of multi-character scenes.

The sometimes sad, sometimes funny, always eloquent accounts combined to create a colorful tapestry of experience from a diverse group of women of all different heritages.

This play derived most of its power from the brutal honesty of its characters.

Each woman, from the bubbly Pakistani fashion designer to the Moroccan lawyer on a quest for justice, told her story with a candidness that sculpted the tales into powerful entities of hope, yet were always underscored with silent screams calling out for change and understanding.

"You have tasted the bitterness of evil. Now taste the sweetness of hope," the lawyer tells one of her clients who is,

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Radical Something brings the Cali vibe

Although they only came out with their first album, *We Are Nothing*, a little over a year ago, Radical Something has garnered a widespread and dedicated fan base both back in their home state, California, and along the East Coast.

They had a large following at my small New Jersey high school, and I was really excited when I met more Radical fans here in Baltimore.

The group, composed of Loggy, Josh Cocktail, and Big Red, were founded June 13, 2011 and are from Los Angeles.

They have two albums: *We Are Nothing* and *No Sweat*, which peaked at #6 on the US iTunes Album Chart. Their music encompasses catchy rhythms paired with strong vocals.

Because they're still an up-and-coming band, I knew that their Wednesday night show in Baltimore would probably not be as popular as some of their other shows I've seen.

However, I wasn't expecting a crowd size as small as 25 people! That number got even smaller when I realized that a good ten people in the crowd were friends and relatives of one of the opening bands, Floozie.

The doors opened at 7 p.m. at Soundstage, with the first of two opening bands going on at around 8 p.m.

The first opening band, whose name was not mentioned or advertised, announced that Radical Something had called

them to see if they could play just last night, because the band had been unable to fill the spot.

They played some pop/rock music to a small, scattered crowd. Half of Soundstage was roped off because of the smaller crowd, but by the time Floozie came on at around 8:30 p.m., while there were still only around 25 people.

Though Floozie had a much more enthusiastic following, their pop, almost teenager-y music didn't really seem to fit with Radical Something's vibe.

I felt bad for the main act as they came out to

play a nearly empty show following Floozie, but they put up a front of energy and excitement.

They played a number of songs, including their hit single, "Say Yes," which originally boosted their popularity, "Long Hair Don't Care," and "You Feel Amazing."

When the song "Lemonade" was played, the group asked the crowd to take out their phones and Tweet a line of the song they thought was relatable (I love the lyric, "When life gives you lemons, put some vodka in your lemonade.") Within seconds, 25 phones were tweeting away.

Despite the poor turnout, it was still awesome to see one of my favorite bands live — I even got to be first row, front and center!

Though the opening bands didn't meet my expectations, Radical Something definitely has a prominent future.



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Although the fanbase for Radical Something is small, it is also loyal.

Breaking Dawn Part II: not again, KStew

I'd never walked out of a theatre midway through a movie — that is, until the *Twilight* series was released.

It's that time of year again: *Breaking Dawn: Part II* is coming out next week. Young teen girls all over the world are watching and re-watching the trailers as they prepare for the cinematic event of the year.

With the release of each new *Twilight* film, I find myself becoming more and more passionate about them, in a negative way, a very negative way. What has the world come to? When did it become common practice to pay good money to watch complete and utter crap?

I've encountered my fair share of bad movies over the years. There is no denying that horrible movies have been released before; I even enjoy seeing bad movies with friends for a good laugh.

But I have to say, *Twilight* is one of the worst movies to date, and the most recent movie in the series was a sn't even slightly humorous in its horribleness.

Worst of all, it has made millions of dollars and done phenomenally well at the box office.

What has become of the world?

You might be wondering where my hatred for *Twilight* came from.

Well, I have a very long list of reasons as to why the series is so bad, but I will list only a few:

First, there were the books the movies are based on.

They themselves, are horrific.

As a Writing Seminars major, I have a particular hatred for bad writing and grammatical errors, but these books were beyond that.

Reading the first in the



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Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson do not impress in their leading roles as Bella Swan and Edward Cullen in *Twilight*.

series made me question where Stephenie Meyer had learned to write. I was driven to read the fourth book out of extreme boredom while spending a weekend at a friend's place.

After wasting a few good hours of my life, I realized I would have rather spent those hours banging my head against a wall.

I'm not even sure it qualifies to be a book. In order for writing to receive a title, something has to happen in between its pages.

In the first few hundred pages of *Breaking Dawn*, the characters prepare for a possible battle, which never ends up happening.

There was only one mildly interesting scene, and it was beyond disturbing. The main human character, Bella, gave birth to a vampire, and then her former love interest fell in love with her newborn.

Sadly, I am not making this up.

My second reason for disliking the movies is based on my first: the plot, which, in case it wasn't clear enough from my description before, is awful.

The fourth book is by far the worst, and since the only mildly interesting

parts of that story occur in the beginning of the novel, I'm not entirely sure is going to occur in Part II of *Breaking Dawn*.

Although, if it's anything like the first, I'm sure we'll get treated to exceedingly long and dull scenes of the actors and actresses doing nothing.

My third reason stems off of that: the acting.

Never have I seen such bad acting in a movie.

When I saw the first movie with a group of friends, I found myself cringing away from the screen.

It was literally painful to watch. Kristen Stewart blinked every second as she spoke, and yet I found I could not look away. She paused in her speech far too often, she stuttered, and she even looked like she was in pain from her own performance.

Robert Pattinson, although, not nearly as bad as Stewart (I don't think anyone could be if they tried), was painful to watch, too.

As he stepped into the sun and sparked for Stewart to see, I found myself laughing out loud at what the director definitely intended to be a very serious, deep scene.

Their performances got worse with each movie, and personally, I found the

most recent film to be the worst.

The combination of bad acting and no plot at all led to a horrible product.

Of course, there's also the lovely addition of the actor who plays Jasper, Jackson Rathbone. His role in the movie seems to be standing in the corner with wide, frightened eyes, saying nothing, ever.

Who directs these movies?

Because of *Twilight*'s past failures, and the awful book this new movie is based on (or rather, half of a book), I cannot even imagine how bad this movie will be.

It saddens me to think of all the money that is poured into these movies that could be put toward a better cause.

Also, why did there have to be a second movie?

Twilight needs to stop trying to be *Harry Potter*. That series at least had enough material for two movies. It's debatable if *Breaking Dawn* even had enough material for one movie.

I am looking forward to the end of this particularly awful series.

I am also hoping it will lead to the end of a particular couple of vampires' careers.

I've personally seen enough of Stewart's angst-filled expressions and Pattinson's unwashed hair.

After 50 years of making music, the Stones keep giving their listeners "satisfaction"

This year The Rolling Stones celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. I, on the other hand, will ring in my twenty-second birthday.

I've only loved the band for about three years, but it's a strong, devotional sort of love. I can't even imagine how intense it'd be to have spent a full fifty years adoring them.

The Rolling Stones were formed in 1962; they arrived on that same tidal wave that brought the Beatles to the top of the music scene. Five decades later, their indestructible image looms over the history of rock 'n roll.

Maybe they only made it because they hitched their tugboat to the back of the Beatles' steamer, but once they got going, they equaled, if not surpassed, their predecessors.

While The Beatles combusted with the sixties, the Rolling Stones exited the hippie era stronger than ever.

That I surround myself with Stones music is a given.

Their classic rock staples and lesser-known trea-

sures are about as essential to my life as breakfast — I can survive without, but who wants to go hungry before lunchtime?

When I was a bratty three-year-old, my mom used to sing me "You Can't Always Get What You Want."

After that, it took me a while to warm up to the song, and by extension, the band. They reminded me of those few unpleasant moments when I couldn't bully my parents into saying yes.

Then, the summer before I started college, I heard "Under My Thumb" and couldn't listen to music the same way again.

Falling for The Rolling Stones is like dropping a bomb in your brain. And I mean this in the best possible way: it's transcendently destructive.

Now I have 185 of their songs in my iTunes library. They are without a doubt my favorite band.

Besides their impressive catalogue, I'm fascinated with the Stones' lives and legends: the clothes, the women, the decadence. Their world is full of grotesque beauty.

To understand what I mean, take a look at a photograph of Mick Jagger circa 1970.

Stories of the band in the sixties and seventies are a bit like Greek mythology. Events seem epic, fated and yet utterly absurd. Feuding brothers driven apart



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The Rolling Stones embody the 60s and the golden age of rock and roll.

by beautiful and devious women. Love affairs that make or break empires. It's heady stuff.

I'm enthralled by the Stones because they represent something radically different from my own clean little life.

They are wild and gritty; they are sex, drugs and rock 'n roll.

When I allow myself to indulge in delusions of grandeur, I listen to "You Got the Silver" and imag-

ine I am a Stones muse. I become that untamed sixties chick with long blonde hair and bright bohemian clothes.

I must be a model, because really, who are we kidding?

But I have an internal spark that makes my eyes

tent.

You can listen to him whine and howl, "I can't get no satisfaction" on their most iconic song of the same name. Or even better, hear him yell, "Hey! You! Get off of my cloud!" on the follow-up to that monstrous hit.

Otherwise the words are despondent and longing or glib and crude, sometimes both.

Take, for example, "Beast of Burden." Jagger sings, "You can put me out on the street, put me out with no shoes on my feet, but put me out, put me out, put me out of misery." On the surface, the message is sexual, but the tone is nevertheless striking in its vulnerability.

Note the mix of careless anger and desperate pleading.

It's the Stones' combination of devil-may-care attitude and raw emotion that has me compelled.

For some reason, this is exactly the kind of music I want to listen to when I'm down. The lyrics to "Beast of Burden" comfort me and tell me, "All your sickness, I can suck it up. Throw it all at me, I can shrug it off." And I do.

But at the core, the Stones are simply thrilling.

There's nothing quite like hearing the opening

chords of "Brown Sugar" or the screams that signal the start of "Sympathy for the Devil."

At these moments, when the beat ignites something in your lungs or in the pit of your stomach, you know why their music will never die.

Along with words and melody, the Stones understand that rock 'n roll is image.

In their performances, the audio and visual intertwine. Jagger can certainly entertain your ears, but lend him your eyes as well and he'll flash at them like a mirror, making psychedelic art.

In the 60s, their stage presence was viewed as vulgar and threatening.

They were dirty and strange-looking, their message iconoclastic and offensive.

If you watch an old black-and-white clip of twenty-one-year-old Mick Jagger glaring luridly into the camera, you can imagine how his gaze made suburban parents shiver. His huge lips are singing some dirty song, and his eyes are saying, "I'll own your world."

Now, fifty years later, The Rolling Stones are gods: still vulgar and a little scary, but always the best.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Personal stories show effect of oppression

Thanksgiving video goes viral on Youtube

Westbrook's video is reminiscent of Rebecca Black's "Friday," complete with auto-tune

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like herself, a victim of a hate crime.

Each woman has experienced some form of injustice because she is a woman in the Islamic faith, an identity that is often viewed through a lens composed of racism and animosity.

The collective message of these characters rang clear: change comes from understanding and knowledge.

In her post-show talk-back, Malik declared that she chose to perform all the characters herself because she wanted each story "to come from one heart."

While the tales were fictionalized, they all felt true and urgent in their quest to challenge the stereotypes of Muslim women, specifically the one that states that they are submissive and repressed.

One narrator that stood out above the others was the young hip-hop artist of Indian descent.

Her youthful voice carried a message that was relatable to young women of all faiths and walks of life.

She declared her decision to wear the traditional Islamic head-covering to be a part of her feminist identity.

She tells the imaginary interviewer that she wants people to deal with her mind, not with her body: "that's not yours to look at."

While, at times, many of the other narrators felt almost preachy in their passionate calls to action, this young artist spoke out in a way that managed to balance her personal experience with general

feminist ideals.

In its weaker moments, this play felt repetitively sentimental, as it sometimes would hit the audience over the head with its message.

At times it felt as though each character was using her anecdote to convince the audience that oppression is wrong, a sentiment with which most savvy theatre-goers are already in agreement.

In addition, the imaginary interview setup of each narration felt a bit forced.

For example, it was not entirely believable that a restaurant hostess would casually tell a group of customers about her brother's death in the September 11th tragedy minutes after meeting them.

Fortunately, these weaker moments were overshadowed by the stronger instances of writing and performance during which Malik tilted away from the abstract notion of Oppression and instead examined the vibrant specifics of each woman's personal views on her situation and the Muslim experience.

Despite the occasional lackluster moments, *Unveiled* was successful in its mission to represent the diversity of Muslim women.

In the talk-back, Malik discussed her interest in theatre as a creative medium.

Live theatre has a unique power to bring people of all backgrounds together.

Amen to that, Ms. Malik — and thank you for bringing a little slice of that theatrical presence to a sometimes arts-deprived Hopkins.

When "Friday" became a YouTube sensation, or rather, catastrophe, we learned that Rebecca Black knows the days of the week.

Now, thanks to Nicole Westbrook, we know that Christmas is in December and New Year's is in January, but Thanksgiving is — guess what? — this month.

Patrice Wilson, who produced Rebecca Black's "Friday," released Westbrook's "It's Thanksgiving" on YouTube last week. It is well on its way to becoming just as viral as "Friday," which is why it is so baffling that someone thought it would be a good idea to post this for the entire Internet to see.

Westbrook may be a pre-teen who wants to be famous.

And she certainly has parents who are rich enough to pay Wilson to make her a music video with all of her "friends" about how great her life is.

But while "Friday" was about a day that every human being appreciates, this song is about Thanksgiving.

There's a reason that people devote days of their time to listening to Christmas music.

There is no such thing as a Thanksgiving playlist, because everyone is usually too busy eating, and they know that Thanksgiving is actually about food.

Not Westbrook though. From the moment she wakes up in the morning, she is thinking about thanking everyone in her life.

At least this is more



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In her new video, Nicole Westbrook makes sure to remind all her viewers to be grateful in November.

promising than Black in the morning, given that Black claims that she has to focus so hard on her breakfast that she needs to remember to take out both her bowl and her cereal.

She is also way less auto tuned than Black was — a major plus.

And then any promise Westbrook had ends.

From that point until the end of the video, she stops making sense and starts oohing and yeahing because everyone knows that you just have to look pretty and open your mouth to have a successful song these days.

Wilson certainly capitalizes on her looks, as she is wearing more makeup than a 12-year old should ever wear.

When her songs progresses into the sequences of why Thanksgiving is not the same as Christmas, she is wearing a Santa hat and all of her friends are wearing skimpy dresses.

This is juxtaposed with her wearing a flowered dress when she sings about how Easter is in April, although it is not always in April.

Even the food is presented in an overtly sexual way.

The camera lingers far too long on her pouring corn into the pot and licking mashed potatoes off of her finger.

While she is doing all of this, she is listing each food item brought to her house and saying "ey!" afterwards because it is just that exciting.

She even brings back Black's famous "We we we so excited," although

she changes it to her own "We we we, we're gonna have a good time."

The video then transitions to Westbrook spinning around outside and singing about how much she just wants to thank everyone.

Again, this is a nice sentiment, but what 12-year-old would admit that she just loves Thanksgiving so much because she is able to thank everyone in her life?

At least she admits that school is out.

Valid.

And then Wilson's face appears from the bottom of the screen while Westbrook starts singing about Christmas again.

He is inexplicably at every single one of Westbrook's holiday parties. The best moment is while Westbrook is wearing her innocent Easter dress and she doesn't seem to know that Wilson is there, pretending to be happy about the holidays while he is creepily watching her.

This is reminiscent of the moment in "Friday" where he is randomly driving a car and rapping about how seeing school buses full of kids makes him "wanna scream."

It is unclear whether Wilson is actually a pedophile.

He might just be brilliant enough to write these terrible songs and somehow still make a ton of money.

It's probably a combination of both.

Westbrook's friends arrive at the Thanksgiving dinner that she's hosting, because it's totally normal for tweens to have their

own dinner with no parents anywhere in sight.

No worries though, there's adult supervision — Wilson is there wearing a turkey costume.

They start to say grace, but Westbrook is having none of that.

She'd much rather rap and look as sassy as a 12-year-old possibly can while trying to tell their friends that they should be "forgivin'" (it rhymes with Thanksgiving).

Because she actually has nothing to say about the holiday, she tries to look clever by repeating the same line twice, but switching it around because that way no one will notice.

She sings "Can't be hateful gotta be grateful/ gotta be grateful can't be hateful" and then randomly points to some of her friends that she's forgiving.

Wilson has this tween clique thing down, as he did the same thing in "Friday" when Black talked about her friend on the right but not on her left.

At this point, the song has become sufficiently auto tuned and her friends are having way too much of a good time.

Oh, and she is using a turkey leg as a microphone.

As she continues to sing about the various food on the table, the video goes back to all of the other holidays that Westbrook hosts with her friends and Wilson.

Don't worry, Wilson is in a turkey costume the entire time, which makes it totally okay that he's the only adult in a room full of 12-year-old girls.

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You won't find the next "Genie in a Bottle" on Christina Aguilera's latest release, *Lotus*.

Christina's been preparing for her launch back into superstardom for a while now.

Since her *Bionic* album flopped (and its accompanying tour was cancelled), her movie *Burlesque* failed to live up to the hype, and she divorced her husband Justin Bratman in 2010, she's rebounded after she became a coach on *The Voice*.

Not only do 12.2 million viewers tune in to see Aguilera coach aspiring singers each week, the star's scored her first number one hit in a decade in her collaboration with fellow *Voice* coach Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine for "Moves Like Jagger."

In fact, Aguilera's best songs on *Lotus* are her collaborations with her fellow *Voice* coaches Cee Lo Green and Blake Shelton.

"Make the World Move," her 1940s-esque dance song complete with

a brassy arrangement that features Cee Lo, is reminiscent of 2006's "Back to Basics" alongside "Ain't No Other Man" and "Candyman."

You won't mind, though: after it's remixed, it'll definitely be playing on repeat on Saturday nights in your fraternity house of choice.

Her duet with Blake Shelton, "Just a Fool," her last song on the album, put Christina's powerhouse pipes to the test with a country-rock ballad.

As always, Christina rises to the challenge — and you'll remember why you fell in love with her in the first place. Besides her duets, her dance songs are definitely the strongest songs: if "Your Body" is a grown up version of "Dirrty," "Around the World" tries to be this generation's "Lady Marmalade."

Unfortunately, it doesn't pack the same punch — the most fun verse on the track is her reference to the 2001 cover with "Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir?"

"Red Hot Kinda Love" also is a standout, similar in sound to something off Britney Spears' 2008 "Circus," but with the playful, funky melodies Christina's

mastered.

Expect to hear "Red Hot Kinda Love" on the radio soon — if not, it'll be ringing in your ears all day long.

Apart from these stand-out tracks, Christina's other songs seem like tired versions of other songs — for instance, "Cease Fire" is a lot like Jordin Sparks's "Battlefield," but when she sings "The war that brings me to my knees/I'm tired of fighting for peace," you don't feel the same desperation and helplessness Sparks so effortlessly conveys.

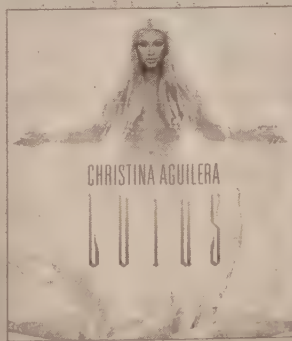
The same goes for "Circles" — it's definitely a fun, unexpected riot girl track, but for Avril Lavigne, Gwen Stefani, or Cher Lloyd, who channel

that vibe much better than Aguilera does, it could be a bona fide hit.

Though Aguilera sings, "I look in my reflection and embrace the woman I've become./The unbreakable lotus in me, I now set free," "Lotus" couldn't be more different than any other of her albums. And that's fine.

All in all, *Lotus* is much better than *Bionic*. If you're looking for the tracks similar to those that made Christina famous — "Lady Marmalade," "Beautiful," or "Fighter" — you're just going to have to hold out.

- Devin Alessio



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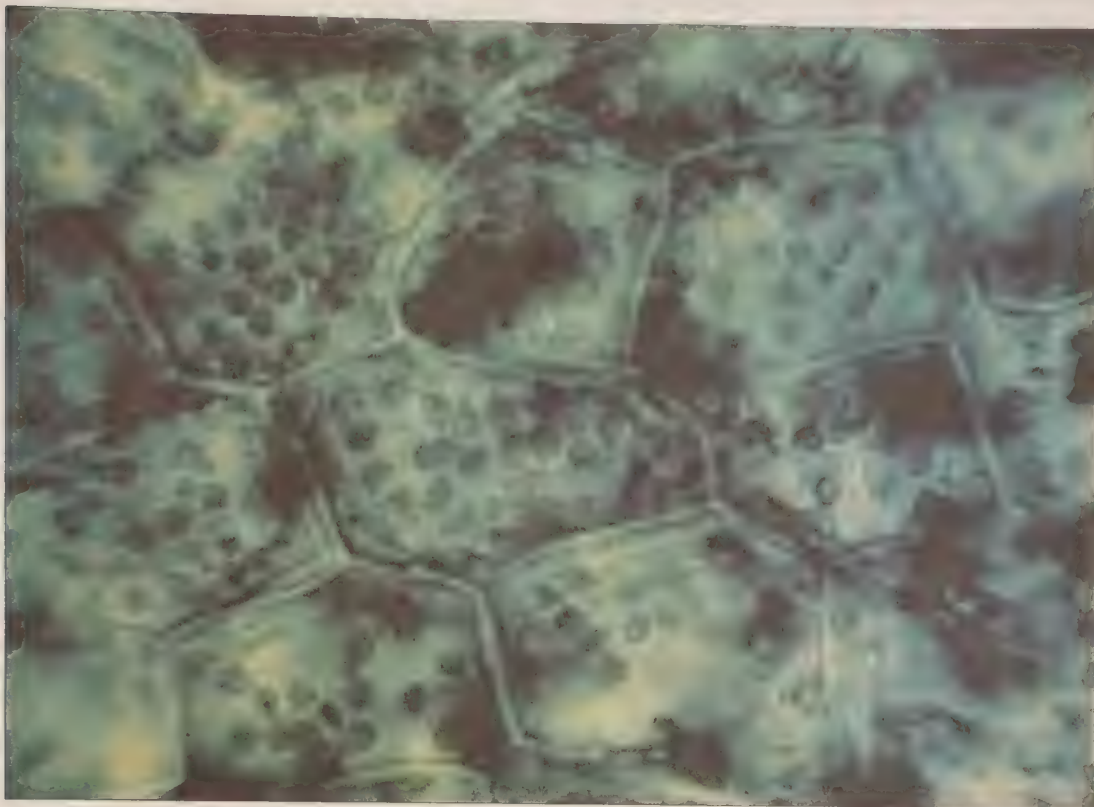
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In the past, scientists have only seen a plant's maturity process at work in the center of cells whereas this study suggests it also occurs in chloroplasts.

Plant maturity process found in chloroplasts

By **TONY WU**
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Plants have always been an integral part of human life, both as food sources and as decorations. For that reason, the question of how plants mature has long been plaguing the minds of scientists. Recently, biologists at the University of Leicester found that the plant's maturing process—the ubiquitin proteasome system, also known as UPS—not only occurs in the center of plant cells, but also in the chloroplasts.

The groundbreaking research is led by Paul Jarvis, a professor in the Department of Biology at Leicester. "To the best of our knowledge, our re-

port is the first to present evidence that the UPS acts directly on plastid-resident proteins to control plastid functions," Jarvis said. This discovery has several implications that the researchers discussed in detail.

To understand the impact of the research, one must first understand the process through which fruits and plants develop and die. As the plant grows, specific proteins within the cells are marked for degradation. The process is initiated by the proteasome, which is the dominant factor in the maturation of plants. By marking the indicated proteins with at least four ubiquitin monomers, the proteasome di-

rects the proteasome lid to begin the breakdown of the protein.

The different stages in the breakdown of a protein are referred to as the ubiquitination pathway. The first phase that the proteins experience is the partial unfolding of the protein before proceeding to the active sites at the core of the 20S particle. The unfolding is also called translocation and scientists are still trying to model the process because numerous details are missing.

The unfolded protein is then broken down by the 26S proteasome using energy from ATP hydrolysis. The ubiquitination pathway is a generalized procedure for the majority of the

protein breakdowns, but there are exceptions. Some proteins do not need to be ubiquitinated prior to degradation.

The process of ubiquitination is universal to eukaryotic cells such as plant cells, and determines the rate at which plants grow. The original assumption of the biologists at Leicester was that the ubiquitin proteasome system is only present in the center of the cell since that is where the most routinely broken down proteins are located.

As the researchers continue their study, however, they found that the UPS is also present in chloroplasts, organelles that perform photosynthesis.

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Fermi measures light content of universe

By **MO-YU ZHOU**
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Even after stars cease to shine, their light continues to make its way throughout the universe. Astronomers have been able to make the most accurate measurement of extragalactic background light (EBL), the aggregate starlight in the cosmos, to date. They used data from NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, whose primary mission was to measure the EBL of our universe.

The research was led by Marco Ajello, a postdoctoral researcher Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology at Stanford University in California and the Space Sciences Laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley, and was recently published in *Science Express*.

Since its launch in 2008, Fermi's Large Area Telescope (LAT) has observed and collected data from the sky for every three hours. It uses gamma rays, the most energetic form of light, to create the most detailed map of the universe ever made. Gamma rays can be used to explore the fossil radiation field of optical and ultraviolet light from stars that no longer shine. In other words, it detects the light that continues

to travel through the universe. Thus, the EBL serves as a cosmic 'fog' of sorts to these gamma rays.

The 'fog' works as follows: Every once in a while, starlight collides with a gamma ray, causing it to transform into a pair of two particles, an electron and a positron, which is the antimatter counterpart of the electron. When this happens, the gamma ray disappears. Just as fog dims the light from a lighthouse, this cosmic 'fog' dampens the gamma ray signal.

To study the EBL, Ajello and his team examined gamma rays from 150 blazars, which are galaxies that are powered by black holes. Supermassive black holes can cause some matter that enters to accelerate outward in jets pointed in different directions at the speed of light. Some of these jets may appear to be especially bright since they happen to be aimed in the direction of Earth. When this happens, the galaxy is classified as a blazar.

The blazars examined in this study were detected at energies more than a billion times the energy of visible light, or over 3 billion electron volts (GeV). Fermi has detected over a thousand blazars since its launch, but it is rare to find

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Twitter to enter the world of photo filters

By **CATIE PAUL**
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Have you ever wished that you could both filter and share images on Twitter? According to employees, Twitter plans to introduce its own filter technology in the coming months, which will allow users to share altered images without relying on popular photo-sharing sites like Instagram.

Now that all smartphones come equipped with cameras, photos are extremely easy for anyone to take at a moment's notice. As people take more and more photos, they want to share them with friends and family, or send them as part of a message. The result is a growth in popularity of photo-sharing sites, such as Flickr, Facebook and Instagram.

Twitter has made its fame by providing a venue for users to share up to 140-character snippets of their thoughts; in fact, the company has grown so large that it now processes nearly a billion of these missives every two days.

The site is also very popular among advertisers because it allows companies to reach people through their smartphones. Twitter's growing use and popularity has pushed them to

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Multiple surgeries combat brain cancer

By **EVA PEKLE**
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Recent studies show that survival rate increases with the number of surgeries patients with fatal brain cancer undergo.

The period of survival for patients who underwent multiple resections, the surgical removal of one part of an organ, is longer than for patients who only had one surgery, as in the case of glioblastoma.

Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa, along with Kaisorn Chaichana and other fellows from the Departments of Neurosurgery and Neuro-oncology at Hopkins Medical published a recent study in the *Journal of Neurosurgery*.

In the study, they investigated 578 cases of patients who suffered from glioblastoma multiform (GBM). Even though similar studies have been conducted at other insti-

tutions, this study used a more significant number of patients.

Glioblastoma multiform (GBM) is the most prevalent form of brain tumor, with 2-3 cases per 100,000 people in Europe and North America. It is known

We show that repeated surgery may benefit these patients.

—KAISORN CHAICHANA, NEUROSURGERY RESIDENT

for recurring even after numerous treatments.

These tumors are able to migrate and affect a heterogeneous population of cell types. They are usually malignant because they reproduce quickly and are supplied by a large amount of blood vessels. Moreover, GBMs are difficult to remove, since they develop around healthy brain cells.

The median survival rate is 14 months. In addition, despite its frequent recurrence, multiple surgeries are not always performed.

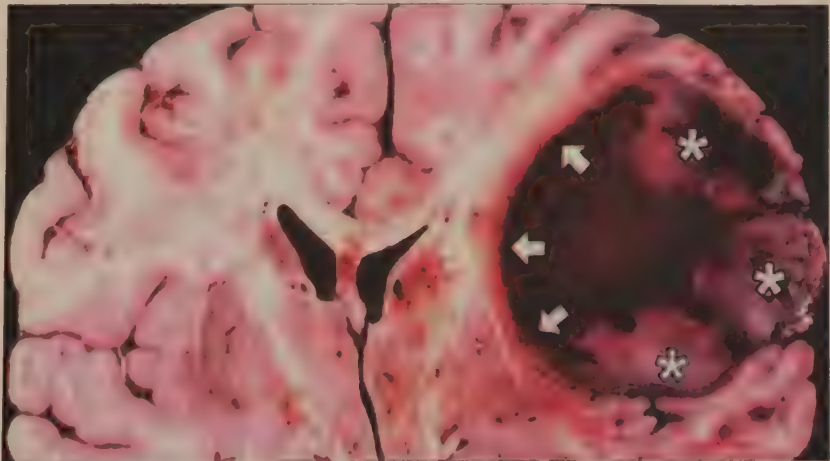
This is because many other risks could arise, such as damage of neural tissue, which could lead to various neural deficits, and even death.

"Patients with GBM are plagued because their tumor comes back regardless of how much is removed. Theoretically, these patients may need several repeated resections. Very few surgeons are willing to offer this because each surgery becomes more difficult because of scarring, involvement of different and important brain structures, patients are usually not as healthy, etc. We show that repeated surgery may benefit these patients," Chaichana said.

Records of 578 patients between 1997 and 2007 were reviewed. In these patients, 354 received one resection, 168 two resections, 41 and 15 received three and four resections respectively.

Results showed that the median survival rate for people underwent one, two, three and four

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Glioblastoma multiform, known for its persistent recurrence, is a prevalent type of brain tumor.



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Fermi can detect gamma rays to measure light content of the universe.

Rise in sea level may be grossly underestimated

By **ERICK SUN**
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According to geologist Billy Hay from the University of Colorado, the old estimate in 2007 on projected sea level rise given by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) could be way off due to several key factors that their models were missing.

The IPCC's most recent model suggested that by 2100, sea levels could rise between 0.2 and 0.5 meters. However, data on current sea levels indicate that sea level rise is on a much faster pace than a mere half meter in the next 100 years. While it seems improbable that the IPCC could be so off just five years after their last prediction, Hay believes that several natural feedback systems were neglected by the IPCC models and have skewed the projections.

At the meeting of The Geological Society of America in Charlotte, NC last week, Hay presented his theories on these feed-

backs.

His first idea focused on Arctic sea ice. Since sea ice is already in the ocean, its melting does not directly raise sea levels. However, when the ice melts it creates a warming effect on the entire Arctic Ocean. As this fresh Arctic sea ice water melts, it gets pushed out and replaced by saltier waters from the south. With more open water, more heat is trapped which warms the entire Arctic. As a result, as ice from the Arctic sea ice melts, it indirectly leads to melting of ice in Greenland and northern Canada.

Sticking with Greenland, Hay then turned his attention to the enormous ice caps covering 80 percent of Greenland's surface along with the ice caps of Antarctica. With a better understanding of water underneath these ice caps, Hay believes that their presence allows ice to literally slide off the land and into the ocean.

Recent data has backed
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In addition to examining promoters in brain regions, researchers used the software to identify possible gene promoters in melanocytes (skin cells)

Smart software identifies gene promoters

By MICHAEL YAMAKAWA
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Like Skynet from the movie *Terminator*, computers in our generation are actually capable of analyzing inputted data and learning how to react differently to it. In the field of genetics, two groups of researchers have designed software that can analyze and learn new data in genomes to ultimately identify which sequence variations can become a health hazard. Each publication focused on different genes — the brain and melanocytes.

The new machine learning approach isolates and juxtaposes sequences while creating new sets of rules for itself to categorize certain gene motifs, based on the gene's regulatory machinery, like the transcription factor (TF).

The "classifier," as the software was called in the brain publication, was able to reveal a wide array of new hindbrain gene enhancers with as much as 88 percent validation with biological data. The second

study focused on identifying the regulatory control of genes in epidermal melanocytes, which are the pigments responsible for the color of our skin.

Genes are expressed through a process known as transcription and translation; transcription produces an intermediate chain of nucleic acids encoding the sequence of a particular protein, one of many that make up a great portion of our cell machinery. In complex organisms, such as eukaryotes, transcription is accompanied not only by the transcription factor but also by an vast range of other assisting proteins and genes, one of which includes regions called enhancers.

TFs can bind to enhancers, which allow the TFs to communicate optimally with the gene of interest like the hindbrain or melanocytes. The identification of enhancers have proved very difficult in the past, as enhancers reside at a distant location from the genes they regulate and traditional methods restrict researchers to observing sequences that

are close to the gene of interest.

As new in silico, or computational, technologies advanced, effective means for studying enhancers were introduced. It was not until recently, however, that the power of computation has grown to the extent of studying at such an unprecedented scale.

In the brain study, researchers questioned whether their new technology could be used to uncover complex cellular machinery in the central nervous system. They decided to study the regulatory control of the hindbrain, the most primitive part of our brain and, if degenerated, can be responsible for disorders like schizophrenia, ADHD and autism. By determining the regulatory control in hindbrain genes, researchers can further help us understand more about the genetic components of disorders.

The software relies on its ability to detect transcription factor binding sites, since TFs bind to enhancers for transcription.

After a list of 211 known enhancer genes of the hindbrain were "taught" to the computer, the computer ultimately yielded an 88 percent success rate of predictions for other possible enhancers. This was confirmed by in vivo experiments with zebrafish, a species frequently used for genomic studies. Solely through in silico experiments, these researchers were able to identify about 40,000 supposed hindbrain enhancers.

The melanocyte researchers, using similar techniques, were able to identify about 7,500 possible melanocyte enhancers. Gradually, as the computer sets rules that distinguish certain gene enhancers from others, researchers may find a easy way to study the regulation of genes that make up the rest of our body.

Experiments with the software were conducted by researchers from multiple affiliations, including Hopkins, the National Center for Biotechnology Information and the National Human Genome Research Institute.

Manipulation of plant growth considered

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The implication is that the UPS not only had a central role in the aging of plant cells, but also in the regulation and maturation of chloroplasts. A ligase called ubiquitin E3 ligase (also referred to as SP1) exists in chloroplasts and causes scientists to suspect its role in the growth of chloroplasts.

The E3 ligase represented the biggest hurdle for the researchers. "[We wanted] to figure out exactly what the SP1 protein does... to figure out what its targets are—i.e., which proteins it targets for degradation by the UPS... We had to figure out what the normal physiological role of the SP1 protein [is]," Jarvis said.

Since the UPS process is responsible for the maturation of plants, the researchers at Leicester state that with more research it may be possible to manipulate the growth rate of food crops. Jarvis discussed an example of

fruit ripening: "Chloroplasts transform into chromoplasts; in this case, one might be able to manipulate the rate of fruit ripening by modifying the activity of SP1."

If the time needed for fruits and crops to mature significantly decreased, crop yields would increase. The increase in the food supply could help solve the problem of overpopulation as the human population continues to climb upward.

In addition, if the process can be fully understood, researchers would be able to control the ripening rates of fruits, ensuring that fruits would not become inedible during the transportation process.

While the implications of this discovery are endless, there is still much to figure out. "We believe that this is just the tip of the iceberg, and that there is much more to learn in the fascinating new area of biology," Jarvis said.



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With controlled growth rates, crops could be designed to stay fresh longer.



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Multiple resections of the brain will reduce the cancerous tumor's size.

Fewer brain cancer deaths after multiple surgeries

BRAIN CANCER, FROM B7
operations was 6.8 months, 15.5 months, 22.4 months and 26.6 months, respectively.

Multiple resections not only reduce the size of the tumor, but also enhance the efficacy of other treatments such as chemotherapy or radiotherapy.

However, each surgery becomes more challenging.

"Each individual brings with them a new set of circumstances and difficulties. But, in general, each repeated surgery is more difficult than the previous surgery. There is more scarring, which makes it more difficult to identify tissue planes. It is also difficult to sometimes differentiate between tumor and non-tumor tissue. Moreover, there are other issues such as wound healing and risk of infections.

Also, patients may not be as healthy to tolerate repeat surgery because they have usually been through several trials of radiation and chemotherapy," Chaichana said.

Even though these are promising results, some factors, such as the predisposition for longevity, were still variable. A future study to confirm the results could provide additional support.

"This study shows the value of repeated resections for GBM. A lot of institutions only offer these patients one surgery, and rely on adjuvant therapy thereafter. We show that there may be some utility in offering repeat resections of it is she to do so. Our study is retrospective in nature, and a prospective study would help verify our results," Chaichana said.

Mathematical society names fellows

AMS, FROM A1

group of pre-existing fellows. "I will try especially hard to nominate deserving younger mathematicians for this honor. Mathematics can, at times, be a lonely pursuit, and it is nice when you receive recognition, especially at the earlier stages of your career," Christopher Sogge, a professor specializing in harmonic analysis and a newly named Fellow, wrote in an email to *The News-Letter*.

In addition to this duty, the fellows are responsible for certain advisory assistance to the AMS President and Council as well as becoming public stewards of the field of mathematics. "I will try as best I can as an AMS fellow to promote the sub-

ject," Sogge wrote.

According to Spruck, the AMS eventually aims to list five percent of their members as Fellows. "They think [the program is] going to promote excellence in some way," Spruck said, emphasizing that while the

honor is fine, the services provided the AMS are of the greatest importance.

Spruck and Sogge are joined as Fellows by seven other members of the Department of Mathematics. "The 9 people selected are very deserving of this

honor. They have been leaders in their fields and have made fundamental contributions to the subject (at least the other eight), in my opinion," Sogge wrote. "Together they represent a wide swath of mathemat-

ics. As I said, it is great that they got this recognition."

Spruck echoed this sentiment, saying that only a small number of people are given these awards or are asked to speak at these conferences. Such recognition, he said, shows the esteemed nature of his colleagues. "It doesn't happen that often that you're invited to give an international address."

Though now retired, J. Michael Boardman, a professor in the Department of Mathematics who studies algebraic topology, appreciates the recognition and plans to attend the reception for new Fellows in January. This will take place in San Diego during the AMS's annual meeting.

The other Fellows are William P. Minicozzi II, Bernard Shiffman, W. Stephen Wilson, Steven M. Zucker, Jun-ichi Igusa, Takashi Ono. Engineering professor Edward Scheinerman of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics was also awarded the honor.

Sea levels rise at rate faster than predicted

SEA LEVEL, FROM B7

up Hay' belief: this past summer Greenland underwent its largest melt in modern history with 97 percent of its ice sheet melting between July 8 and July 12.

What worries Hay is the impact humans can have on speeding up the process of sea level increase. Hay noted that during the last interglacial period, sea levels rose 10 meters naturally.

The final feedback mechanism, which Hays believes is leading to faster rises in sea levels, is the groundwater being mined to fight drought across the globe. This once hidden source of water is being pumped to the surface and ultimately ending up in the ocean.

With his model adjustments, where does Hay think the sea levels could go to by 2100? It is possible that the oceans could spike a meter or more — a much higher estimate than that from the IPCC in 2007.

If sea levels do continue their dramatic rise, human populations could be impacted in a dangerous way. About ten percent of the world's population and some of the world's poorest regions are found in coastal regions in danger of flooding. Based on Hay's projections it is possible that these regions will suffer from more flooding in the coming years, causing economic and personal damage. In the long term, coastal homes will be steadily pushed inland.



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Nine members of the mathematics department, located in Krieger Hall, were named AMS inaugural fellows.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Twitter to introduce photo filters

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try to stay in competition with other social networking sites.

Earlier this year, Facebook purchased Instagram for \$715 million, a drop from the original price of \$1 billion due to the decline in Facebook's stock. Instagram was founded in 2010 by two Stanford University graduates as a way to stay connected with friends using a photograph format.

The Instagram app can be downloaded for free from iTunes and Google Play. Its popular filters that alter images currently make the photos look as if they've been taken with 1960s Kodachrome or 1890s sepia tone film. After adding the desired effect, a user can post the photo to Facebook, Twitter or Flickr, and can check in on Foursquare.

After the Instagram purchase, Twitter also wanted to get in on the

craze. The search started for a way to provide photo filters unique to Twitter's platform.

For a while, Twitter considered purchasing their own photo-sharing network. Eventually, however, executives decided that the cost to purchase such a site wouldn't be worth the services it would provide.

It would be more cost-effective to simply build their own filters. The goal was to remove the intermediary step of uploading the photos to Instagram and then transferring them.

Twitter refers to some of its users, generally celebrities or media personalities, as V.I.T.s, or Very Important Tweeters. According to sources inside Twitter, many V.I.T.s indicated that they would be happy to

see the addition of filters to the site where they already have a large following.

Sophomore Burcu Atay, an avid Tweeter and Instagram user, agrees that Twitter's new features would change her user experience with the social media sites.

It's hard to go back and forth through the applications.

—BURCU ATAY, SOPHOMORE

"It's hard to go back and forth through the applications," she said.

However, Atay's willingness to

abandon Instagram entirely would depend on the quality of Twitter's filters. She has a preference for the darker filters, and would only switch over if she believed Twitter would produce better shots.

While Twitter may have decided to create its own filters, the actual storage of photos is carried out by Photobucket, a company they signed a deal with in June. Nevertheless, Twitter has begun to store images on its own servers as well.

Twitter has also been contemplating other tools to add to its site, such as a video-editing and uploading ability. This would keep users from having to go through third-party services like YouTube.



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Twitter will add photo filters to their site in the coming months to compete with Instagram.



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Turkey meat doesn't induce drowsiness as the common misconception would suggest. Instead, it's all the carbs!

Thanksgiving: Bring on the turkeys

By ALICE HUNG
Science & Technology Editor

With Thanksgiving just lurking around the corner, many of us are probably in the midst of planning the dinner menu for the big night. Regardless of the side dishes, a roasted stuffed turkey is always the highlight at the table. In honor of this unfortunate species, this is a good time to point out some turkey facts and misconceptions.

1. Sleepiness: Blame the turkey?

Turkeys contain relatively high levels of tryptophan, which is an essential amino acid part of our diet. Tryptophan triggers the release of serotonin, a neurotransmitter, which is further metabolized into melatonin. Melatonin is a key hormone regulating sleep. As a result, people often point to turkeys as the culprit for post-dinner coma.

However, the primary reason causing drowsiness after Thanksgiving dinners is actually not turkeys per se. What is it then, that induces sleep? The answer resides in the large amount of carbohydrates we con-

sume as part of the dinner – the cornbread, potatoes, and pie. All of these complex sugars trigger the release of insulin, which indirectly causes sleepiness.

So before pointing your finger at the turkey, take a moment to consider the many slices of pie on your plate!

2. Turkey meat: red or white?

Ever wonder why certain areas of turkeys are red meat, while others white? The answer depends on the amount of exercise your turkey engaged in while it was alive.

Turkey meat, as with all meat, is muscle. All muscles require adequate blood supply to provide sufficient oxygen. Oxygen molecules bind to myoglobin molecules in the muscle and are stored for future use. Therefore, the more frequently a muscle is used for cardiovascular activity, like running, the more myoglobin it will have.

Myoglobin gives muscles the familiar dark color that we attribute to red meat. Its redness is analogous to the color of hemoglobin that make up our red blood cells.

Therefore, if an animal exercises its muscles a lot, it will have a lot of red meat. Unfortunately, because domesticated turkeys are so fat, they are unable to use their breast muscles to fly. As a result, turkey breast is considered white meat.

3. Fact or myth: flying turkeys?

Contrary to common conception, turkeys can fly! Domestic turkeys don't because they're too fat to lift themselves. Wild turkeys, while they have the ability, rarely do because they feed off the ground. As a result, most people think turkeys can't fly. In actuality, turkeys can fly up to 55mph for short bursts!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cosmic 'fog' provides information on starlight

COSMIC FOG, FROM B7

blazars at such high energies. Thus, the researchers needed to use as much as four years' worth of data from Fermi.

On their way to Earth – a journey of billions of light-years – the gamma rays produced from blazar jets pass through a cosmic 'fog' of visible and ultraviolet light from stars that exist, or once existed, in the history of the universe.

Scientists know how many gamma rays ought to be emitted given different energies from studying nearby blazars. Due to absorption by the cosmic 'fog,' more distant blazars show fewer gamma rays, especially at energies higher than 25 GeV.

In fact, most of the higher-energy gamma

rays are missing from the farthest blazars.

The researchers determined the average reduction in gamma-rays across three distance ranges between 9.6 billion years ago and today. In so doing, they could measure the thickness of the cosmic 'fog.'

In the cosmos, the average density of stars is about 1.4 stars per 100 billion cubic light-years, indicating an average distance of 4,150 light-years between stars.

These results make the launch of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope even more exciting. While Fermi's results hint at what the first stars were like, Webb will be powerful enough to detect them, telling us even more about the earliest phases of star formation in the universe.

Drunken elephants rampage Indian cities

Since the 1990s, Indian pachyderms have made the news for their supposedly drunken behaviors. In 1999, a herd of elephants rampaged through the village of Assam, killing four people and injuring six others. The causes, according to the papers, were habitat loss and a few casks of rice beer.

In 2010, a 70-strong herd of apparently drunk elephants plowed through villages in the states of Orissa and West Bengal, claiming three human lives and 60 homes over the course of four days. That same year, six elephants electrocuted themselves while allegedly under the influence of – you guessed it, rice beer. And you thought that human drunkards were scary.

Just a week ago, the *Times of India* reported on yet another "drunken elephant" attack. According to the newspaper, the 50 or so "inebriated jumbos" were drawn from their forest habitats by the strong smell of mahua, an alcoholic drink made from the sweet flowers of the tropical mahua tree *Madhuca longifolia*, and they proceeded to raid the shop that sold the drink. Even after dawning 18 containers of mahua, the herd ransacked nearby huts in search of more booze.

Armed with tusks and weighing up to 5000kg, Indian elephants can flatten almost anything in their paths, whether sober or drunk. Unfortunately, due to habitat shrinkage, these elephants clash with humans quite frequently. According to Marshall Jones, senior conservation adviser at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology

Institute, an estimated 300 people perish in conflicts with elephants every year in India, while up to 200 elephants are killed by humans annually.

For a long time, researchers have wondered whether wild elephants lust for alcohol as much as the news reports claim.

In addition, there remains the question of whether elephants that got their trunks on a liquor store would guzzle enough of the drink to upgrade their ordinary rampage to a so-called drunken rampage.

Research on drunken elephants has unearthed some interesting facts. In 1984, psychiatrist Ronald Siegel discovered that both circus elephants and elephants living in wildlife preserves readily drank unflavored, 7 percent alcohol-by-volume (ABV) solutions despite the availability of food and water sources. When

Siegel fed them mint-flavored alcohol, which the elephants adored, they willingly consumed a 10-percent solution. However, they refused to drink anything stronger.

In 2005, a study by the late Steve Morris, a biologist at the University of Bristol, disproved the myth that African elephants could intoxicate themselves on fermented

fruit in the wild. According to Morris's calculations, a 3.3 ton (or 3000 kilogram) elephant, which was considered thin for a male Indian elephant and mid-range for a female, needed to speed-drunk at least 2.6 gallons (10 liters) or a 7-percent ABV drink in order to get buzzed enough to undergo changes in behavior.

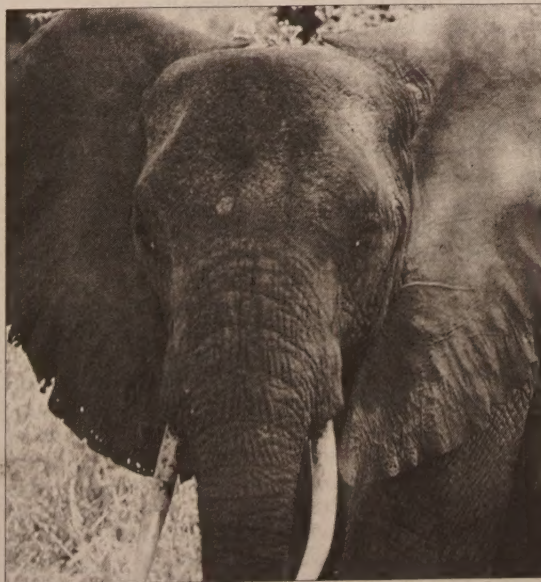
According to 1998 study in the journal *Alcohol Health and Research World*, however, the mahua that fueled the latest

incident has an alcohol content that far exceeds this safety threshold: a staggering 20 to 40 percent. Shermin de Silva, a cofounder of Sri Lanka's Elephant Forest and Environmental Trust, says that wild elephants are hard-pressed to consume enough liquor to get drunk, unless the alcohol is exceptionally sweet and appealing in taste. While mahua flowers are sweet in their raw form, the drink actually has a pungent odor.

De Silva, who studies conflicts between elephants and humans, describes elephants as picky to the point of being selective about the water they drink. Hence, the interpretation of a booze-provoked rampage, while sensational, may not be very accurate. Most likely, the rampaging elephants just happened to consume some alcohol after they broke into some houses, and then broke into some more houses.

In response to reports of elephants having a preference for Indian rice wine, which most likely contains less alcohol than mahua (possibly a meager 10 percent in weaker brews), de Silva confirms that elephants do have a tendency to invade rice paddies, and speculates that this attraction may carry over to fermented rice products.

All that said, most pachyderm attacks on humans and farmland are actually the work of sober elephants. Hence, the majority of elephant stampedes cannot be explained by alcohol. Instead, elephant attacks may be the result of confusions and resource shortages that occur as humans take more and more of their land away from them.



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Studies show that elephants are not more dangerous when intoxicated.

This Week: Campus Science Events

—Friday, Nov. 16:

1-5 p.m. The Annual Meeting of the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience [Mudd Hall]

—Monday, Nov. 19:

12:15-1:15 p.m. "Inner ear development and regeneration: Molecular and genetic studies of hair cell generation and regeneration" by Angelika Doetzlhofer of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. [Rose Auditorium, Carnegie Institute for Science]

—Tuesday, Nov. 27:

4:15-5:15 p.m. "Ultrafast Vibrational Spectroscopy of Photochemistry and Vibrational Coupling" by Rosalie Elder. [Remsen Hall 233]

—Wednesday, Nov. 28:

4 p.m. "What does cognitive science have to tell us about free will and responsibility" by Daniel C. Dennett. [Hodson Hall 110]

SPORTS

BLUE JAY SCOREBOARD		
Men's X-Country	Women's X-Country	Football
Nov. 10, 2012	Nov. 10, 2012	Nov. 10, 2012
Hopkins @ NCAA Mid-East Regionals	Hopkins @ NCAA Mid-East Regionals	Hopkins vs. McDaniel's
3rd/49 (110 pts)	1st/49 (63 pts)	W, 49-7
Women's Soccer	Volleyball	Wrestling
Nov. 10, 2012	Nov. 9, 2012	Nov. 10, 2012
Hopkins vs. Lancaster Bible	Hopkins vs. Richard Stockton	Hopkins vs. Cortland St.
W, 5-0		L, 24-10
Nov. 11, 2012		Nov. 13, 2012
Hopkins vs. Rowan		Hopkins @ E-town
W, 4-2	L, 3-2	L, 19-18

XC flexes muscle at NCAA Regionals

By DAVID GREENBAUM
Staff Writer

The Hopkins men's and women's cross country teams reached new heights this year with their results this past Saturday at the 2012 NCAA Mid-East Regional Championship.

On the men's side, the Hopkins cross country team reached a program record with their third-place finish on Saturday morning. Hopkins finished with 110 points, 19 ahead of Dickinson (129), who had recently defeated the Blue Jays for second place at the Centennial Conference Championship two weeks ago. With 63 points, Haverford seized the regional title and placed three runners in the top 10. Carnegie Mellon took second (92 points), followed by Hopkins, Dickinson and Allegheny to round out the top five. On Sunday, Hop-

kins received an at large bid, securing their spot in the NCAA Championship on November 17 in Terre Haute, IN.

Junior Max Robinson's performance with a career-best seventh-place finish has automatically qualified him for the NCAA Championship. Earning a bronze medal at the Centennial Conference Championship just a few weeks earlier, Robinson crossed the line in 25:30.2. He is the first JHU runner to place in the top 10 at the regional since John Robinson won the event in 1991.

Hopkins' second through sixth finishers finished in a bunch, with just 19 seconds separating them. This fact pushed the men's cross country team to its third-place finish as the Blue Jays had four runners finish before Dickinson's third runner crossed the line. Placing 21st, 24th and 27th respectively, junior Julian Saliani, senior Josh Baker and sophomore Austin Stecklair finished closely together. Saliani earned all-region honors with a time of 26:04.5. Baker followed just one and a half seconds behind Saliani, as he crossed the line in 26:06.0 to place a career-best 24th and earn all-region accolades. Stecklair placed next for the Jays, as he landed in 27th place with a time of 26:13.2. His time has earned him all-region accolades for the second straight year, after finishing 34th as a freshman in 2011.

Freshman Schaffer Ochstein, the 2012 Centennial Conference Rookie of the Year, rounded out Hopkins' scorers with a time of 26:16.9, finishing in 31st place. Senior Josh Budman placed 36th with a time of 26:23.5. Junior Andrew Carey wrapped up the field for Hopkins as he ran a time of 27:18.7 to placed 78th.

While the Blue Jays had previously placed three on the NCAA All-Mid-East team in 2007 and 2011, Hopkins' five all-region selections are a program record. This also marks the third time since 2007 that Hopkins has had a freshman earn all-region honors.

The second-ranked Lady Blue Jay's cross country team captured its fifth consecutive NCAA Division III Mid-East Regional Championship title as freshman star Hannah Oneda cruised to her fifth win of the season. The victory secured the women's team a sixth-straight ap-

pearance in the NCAA Championship.

Finishing with 63 team points, Hopkins placed six runners in the top-25. This performance sets a program regional meet record. Haverford was seventeen points behind the Blue Jays with 79 points, while Dickinson finished third with 126 points.

Oneda is just the second regional champion in Hopkins history, joining Cecilia Furlong who accomplished the feat in 2010. The rookie led a field of 346 runners to cross the tape in 21:34.7, six seconds ahead of second-place finisher Kristen Galignan of Washington & Jefferson.

In addition to Oneda, five other runners earned All-Mid-East Region honors, as Holly Clarke (5th/22:17), Annie Monagle (11th/22:39), Lara Shegotski (22nd/23:05), Sophie Meehan (24th/23:14) and Frances Loeb (25th/23:18) joined Oneda.

Junior standout Clarke provided insight into the Lady Blue Jay's season and what lies ahead at the National Championships. "Our team is really young. Our best runner is a freshman right now. We have one senior, two juniors, and the rest are underclassman," Clarke said. "I believe this shows how much we can improve this year and for years to come. Last year we finished 15th and Hannah Eckstein and I earned All-American honors and hoped to have a better showing. This year, I am confident that if we run the perfect



FILE PHOTO
The men finished a program best 3rd at Regionals.

race we can beat MIT."

Clarke also explained that the team has started to taper in efforts to be rested and improve on last year's showing. "The whole season we've been doing 60-70 mile weeks," she said. "Now each day has been getting shorter and less rigorous as coach wants us to peak in Indiana. We now are doing 40 mile weeks."

Hopkins will fight for the national championship next weekend as it races against the best teams in the nation at the NCAA Division III National Championship Meet in Terre Haute, IN.

Fall sport seniors close careers

By ERICK SUN
Sports Editor

As the 2012 fall season comes to a close, every fall sports team must face the inevitable departure of their seniors. Not only does it create a difficult on-the-field situation, but graduating seniors leave irreplaceable voids as team leaders. For their teammates and coaches, the accomplishments of the seniors on the stat sheet helped earn wins for the Hopkins athletic program, but it is their leadership in the locker room and friendships with their teammates that will be missed most. For this issue, we shifted our column over to the seniors and their coaches to talk about their time at Hopkins and how athletics has impacted them the past four years.

From the time they arrived at Homewood in 2009, a lot has changed for these student-athletes. Senior Amelia Thomas of the women's volleyball team talked about the transition in roles from being an underclassman to becoming a leader of the team.

"Since I arrived as a freshman my game has changed immensely," Thomas said. "Not only am I playing at a much higher level of the game than I expected, I also am in a new position."

Myself and the other seniors also took the reins of the future of the team after our coach from freshman year was not coming back. We worked as hard as we could to be the foundation for a new team."

Maggie Phillips, a senior captain for the field hockey team, shared her reflections. "Over my four years as a player, I learned a lot and developed into being a versatile player," Phillips said. "The position you played on the field didn't have to be your favorite or 'most comfortable' position; your role as a player was to play in the position that helped the most with the team's success. As seniors, our underclassmen respected our roles as teammates and team leaders. Our senior class has remained a close unit throughout our four years here at JHU, which is one of the reasons we worked very well together as team leaders in our last year."

In maturing from young freshmen to team leaders, the seniors also developed close relationships with their teammates and coaches. Anne Monagle of the women's cross country team discussed the closeness between her teammates. "The bond between teammates is one that is really unique. I would do anything for my teammates, and they would do anything for me," Monagle said. "The people who I run with are some of my closest friends, and they have changed me for the better. I think that is what I will miss the most—that feeling you get post-workout knowing that you and the girl next to you gave it everything you had."

Thomas mentioned not only her teammates, but also the entire athletic department. "I am so thankful for the relationships that I have developed with my teammates and others throughout the entire athletic department," she said. "It's a great environment of respect and camaraderie that I will truly miss. Again, not only with my teammates (who will always remain very close to me) but also others that you see every day, like Rev

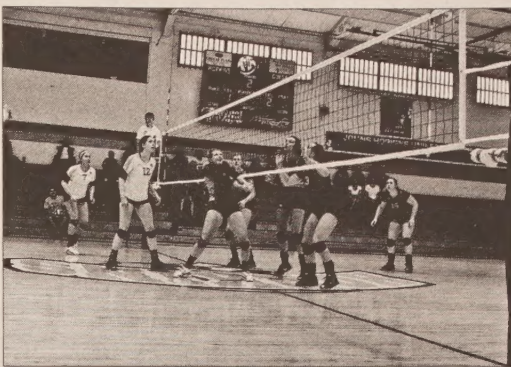
the security guard, and all of the facilities operators."

Every senior praised the role of their coaches in their development as not only athletes, but also individuals. Monagle talked about the importance of head coach Bobby Van Allen in her growth as a player. "Coach Van Allen has taught me the importance of goal setting. He's always emphasizing the need to set high standards for both the individual and the team, and then will help train you to reach those goals," Monagle said. "The training can be often grueling but with that goal in the back of your mind, you're willing to handle it. He's taught me to be confident in myself when I step to the line and to let my love of running fuel the race. These are lessons I will absolutely take with me when I leave Hopkins—knowing I am capable of hitting a high standard and refusing to back down when things are tough."

In addition to the knowledge of on-the-field play

house volleyball program since taking the reins in 2010. However, he credits much of the program's success to his seniors. "I think the Seniors impact really started three years ago when they helped set the tone with where they wanted this program to go on and off the court," Troy said. "They have demonstrated to the younger players what it means to play for Hopkins and the pride that they feel being a part of the program." After the team's loss to Richard Stockton in the first round of this year's NCAA Tournament, bringing an end to the careers of these seniors, coach Troy shared his gratitude for the seniors. "During our post game meeting I thanked the seniors for all their hard work and dedication in helping take this program to its current level. Without their leadership I'm not sure if we would have gelled as quickly as we did last year to start this great run."

Head coach Leo Weil of the women's soccer team



FILE PHOTO
Amelia Thomas (at net in black) is one of the women's volleyball captains.

mentioned the impact his seniors had on this current season. "Obviously, the seniors have had the most at stake this year, since it's their last season," Weil said. "One of our recurring themes was to make it a memorable season for

the seniors. We've had our ups and downs, and a ton of injuries, but the team, under the leadership of the seniors, has never given up or gotten too down, and have turned the season into a memorable one."

He also noted how seniors Taylor Schulte and Meredith Maguire have become key contributors for the team. "[A]s a sophomore keeper, [Meredith] shared time with a junior," Weil said. "She stepped in when we got to penalty kicks at Dickinson against Haverford in the Conference Tournament, and made some great saves. She also played extremely well in the final the next day, and the job was hers for the NCAA Tournament." He went on to explain Taylor's progression during her time on the team. "Taylor, who had always been a defender, was put into a new position as a holding midfielder her sophomore year, so we could get her on the field. I don't think she was ever completely comfortable there, but did great," he said. "Then as a junior, she was able to move back to where she was more comfortable. I think having to play out of her comfort zone as a sophomore helped her 'grow up.'"

For the seniors of the men's water polo team, head coach Ted Bresnahan could not have been more proud of tri-captains Ross Schofield, Alex Whittam and Kielan Crow, and utility man Mike McCreery. "This is the best team we have ever had at Hopkins. What comes from this is every minor task needs the same intensity as every major task and with that failure will be ignored," Bresnahan said. "The seniors grew up their freshman year when all three had major playing time and advanced to the semifinal in the longest game in Eastern Championship history against Fordham Univ. When we won in a third sudden death period."

With just a week or two to go before the fall season is officially over then, *The News-Letter* would like to offer congratulations to the fall sports seniors for a memorable four years on the field.

Defense backs up explosive offense

FOOTBALL, FROM B12

Much of the offenses success would not be possible without the Blue Jays' most unheralded group: the offensive line. There were four All-Conference selections on the O-line this season: junior Armand Jenifer, junior Ben Cranston, junior Vincenzo Bonaddio and junior Kevin Quinn.

This unit has provided incredible protection all year for the skill position players, allowing just 14 sacks on Matey all season for 64 yards lost.

The success of the offense has been mirrored on the defensive, led by Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Taylor Maciow. Maciow is backed by first team All-Conference linebacker Adam Schweyer, and second team All-Conference linebacker John Arena.

The three have combined for 178 tackles, two interceptions, and seven sacks.

The defense has made the game the Blue Jays play well balanced with a strong offense and stout defense.

The game is slated to start at 12 pm noon Saturday, November 12th. Come out and support your Blue Jays as the 2012 Centennial Conference Coach of the Year, Jim Margraff, looks to lead the Jays deep into the NCAA and grab their first national title.

SPORTS

Blue Jay Women's Soccer stands four game wins away from its first National Title

By JASON PLUSH
Staff Writer

The Hopkins women's soccer team went into this past weekend looking to continue their streak of NCAA second round appearances to seven out of the past eight years. They didn't just continue this streak; they dominated throughout the entirety of the weekend. The team was able to piece together two picture perfect wins this past weekend, steam-rolling Lancaster Bible 5-0 to reach the second round of the NCAA tournament before defeating Rowan in the second round 4-2 to reach the Sweet 16.

With a victory in these two games the Blue Jays find themselves in a ideal position heading into the tougher fixtures of the tournament as they look to continue to ride their momentum straight into the Round of 16.

Hopkins entered the weekend looking to build off of recent key victories that propelled them into the upper bracket of the tournament and as a very tough opponent to overmatch. On Saturday against Lancaster, it didn't take the Jays long to show that they meant business as sophomore star Hannah Kronick charged past a Lancaster defender to find sophomore Sydney Teng uncovered in front of the net as she drilled a shot past the goalkeeper to give Hopkins the early 1-0 lead.

The Blue Jays continued to dominate all aspects of the game, especially possession, making it extremely difficult for Lancaster to build or sustain any offensive attack. 112 seconds after the first goal was scored, Hopkins found the back of the net again as freshman Alaina Arthur volleyed a beautiful shot out of mid-air straight into the upper right corner of the goal. Not only was this goal crucial in giving Hopkins room to work with for the rest of the game, but also marked Arthur's first career collegiate goal. It couldn't have come at a more crucial time for the Jays as they now defended a 2-0 lead. The girls headed into the half with the two goal advantage and seemed quite confident going into the locker room.

However, the team refused to get complacent as Kronick erupted out of the gates in the second half of the game. After gaining possession of the ball, Kronick dribbled passed two defenders on the left side and passed off the ball to junior Christina Convey. Convey immediately passed back, creating a nice opening for Kronick to fire the ball passed the diving Lancaster goalkeeper to give Hopkins a 3-0 lead. Teng connected for her second goal of the match during the 79th minute of the game after receiving a perfect pass from freshman Paula Swiercz. The goal gave Hopkins a commanding 4-0 lead and plenty of breathing room as the second half started to come to a close.

However, the excitement was far from over in this one-sided affair. As the clock was winding down, Teng sparked excitement on the Hopkins sideline and for the entire Homewood Field crowd. She received a high, errant pass from Swiercz towards the middle of the box and in astonishing

fashion, bicycle-kicked the ball into the back of the net and got up in uproarious excitement, celebrating the second hat trick ever scored by a Hopkins player in the NCAA tournament.

"I've never pulled off a hat trick before, and to have my first one in the NCAA tournament made it that much more meaningful," Teng said. "To cap it off with a bicycle kick was really just beyond my imagination and something I've been dreaming of for years. That being said, every single one of my goals came from a beautiful assist from my teammates, and I just happened to be

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-SYDNEY TENG,
SOPHOMORE

in the right place at the right time." Along with this impressive milestone came an even more remarkable achievement: Kronick broke the Hopkins single season points record by recording her 54th

point of the season by scoring the third goal of the game. "This achievement definitely means a lot to me, but none of it would've been possible without my teammates this year," said Kronick. "We have all come together on the field this year, feeding off of each other, with many different people stepping up when needed and I think this was definitely a factor in helping me achieve that." This achievement surpasses the previous record of 53 points in a single season that was met last year.

Sparks flew as the Blue Jays dazzled their way to a 5-0 victory to advance to the next round of the NCAA tournament. Senior Meredith Maguire was excellent between the posts as she recorded six saves for the shutout. Hopkins looked poised on Saturday evening heading into Sunday's big matchup against Rowan.

Heading into Sunday's matchup against Rowan, Hopkins had a career 4-1-1 record in the second round of the NCAA tournament, which boded well given the momentum they just gained from out-hustling and out-playing Lancaster the day before.

"Before Sunday's game, we talked about playing every game and play like it could be your last," said Kronick. "This team has so much heart and at this point in the season, it's all mental. I think we're going to find success because of how hard we work and how much we care."

However, goals were not easy to come by against the tough Rowan defensive unit, who had only allowed six goals all season long. As the first whistle blew, the crowd gathered at Homewood Field was in for an exciting and fast-paced game.

Once again, the girls were able to take advantage of persistent pressure in the opening minutes of the half as they consistently pressured the Rowan defense. Off of the third corner kick of the game for Hopkins, junior Kelly Baker received the ball and connected with Teng for a beautiful goal in the 11th minute of the game to give Hopkins the 1-0 advantage. The goal marked Teng's fourth goal of the tournament which set a new Hopkins NCAA tournament record. Unfortunately, the momentum did not stay in Hopkins's favor very long as Rowan was able to capitalize on a shot from outside the 18

yard box that hit the lower right corner perfectly, knotting the game 1-1 in the 14th minute. Rowan's leading scorer Erika Suhl unloaded the shot from outside the box after teammate Jess Durnian beat a Hopkins defender to set up the goal.

Momentum refused to stay in favor of one team or the other as Hopkins was able to respond just five minutes later as freshman Hope Lundberg fired a shot from an astounding 25 yards out to hit the side netting of the goal to give Hopkins a 2-1 lead. But as the first 20 minutes of the game had showed, no lead by either team was safe.

Fifteen minutes after Hopkins established the one goal lead, Rowan was able to even up the match as forward Miranda Donian ripped a shot from the outside past goalie Maguire to deadlock the two teams at 2-2. Hopkins was able to sustain a lot of pressure in the closing ten minutes of the half and nearly took the lead as Kronick connected on a shot that was blocked by an excellent dive from the Rowan goalkeeper. Heading into halftime, it was very difficult to tell which of the two teams had the advantage in the game and even harder to determine who would come out hungrier in the opening moments of the second half to reclaim the lead.

As the two teams came out of their respective locker rooms to start the second half, Rowan forced the Hopkins defense back on their heels, creating shot after shot in the Hopkins zone. Luckily, thanks to a strong effort by Maguire, Hopkins was able to withstand all of the pressure and not let up any goals to keep the game tied. As a result, Hopkins took full advantage of Rowan's struggle on offense as freshman Issy Berkey was able to head home another corner kick from Convey to



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Women's soccer sits on the cusp of history, four more wins awards the program its first national title.

put the Blue Jays ahead 3-2 in the middle of the second half. It was the second goal scored by Hopkins off of a corner kick play.

Rowan continued to apply a lot of pressure down the stretch and tried in desperation to even the playing field again as time in the second half was slowly winding down. A little bit of luck went in favor of Hopkins in the 83rd minute of the game when Rowan forward Morgan Muracco let a shot fly towards Maguire. The ball flew past the outstretched hand of Maguire only to meet a goalie's best friend: the crossbar. The rebound was controlled and cleared quickly out of the Hopkins defensive end.

After Hopkins gained crucial possession of the ball, they were able to eat away at some of the remaining time left on the clock by controlling the ball down the sideline with quick and accurate passes to keep the ball away from Rowan defenders. To add

a bit of insurance, Berkey crossed a beautiful ball off of a free kick and Kronick was on the connecting end of the pass as she headed home the Blue Jays fourth goal of the game to seal a Sweet Sixteen birth for the Blue Jays.

"The team is absolutely ecstatic about making it to the Sweet Sixteen," said Teng. "Historically, we've never advanced past the Elite Eight, but if this year has taught us anything, it's that nothing is certain in this game and it all depends on who shows up to play that day. We're so grateful for every opportunity we get to prove ourselves and I think that sets us apart from our opponents."

The goal was Kronick's 24th of the season and added to her record point total for a Hopkins soccer player to 55 points.

Despite never having reached the Elite Eight before, the team certainly looks poised for more success after trouncing two

very formidable opponents this past weekend. Hopkins takes on its next opponent, Lynchburg, on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Grantham, PA.

"Our overall expectations are pretty high going into Saturday," Kronick said. "Although Lynchburg is undefeated, we've been playing very well lately and I'm very confident that will carry over into this weekend. It seems like we are peaking at the right time and hoping to find a lot of success this weekend."

The only meeting between the two teams was a 1-0 victory in favor of Hopkins back on Sept. 6, 2009, which bodes well for the Blue Jays heading into their next game on Saturday. They've certainly showed that they're a formidable, determined, and relentless opponent to face and with their current momentum, could be on the path towards greatness as they continue their surge through the NCAA tournament.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK PAUL BEWAK—WRESTLING

By FRANK SCHIFF
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For the 2012-2013 Hopkins wrestling squad, history was accomplished even before the season started. On Nov. 1 the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) pegged the Blue Jays at number 18 in the DIII Preseason Rankings—the highest national ranking in school history entering the first weekend.

The Blue Jays are led by the mighty 5-5, 125 pound sophomore, Paul Bewak. Bewak is coming off a remarkable freshman year campaign. Bewak posted a 30-9 record en route to an individual Centennial Conference title and later earned All-American honors for his seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships, the highest finish of all time for a Blue Jay wrestler.

The budding All-American is already off to a perfect start, going 4-0 this past weekend at the John Reese Duals at Wilkes University.

The News-Letter caught up with the wrestling star to gauge his mindset coming off such a dominant freshman year. Ultimately, it appears the best is yet to come.

N-L: Last year, as a freshman, you enjoyed a fantastic season earning you All-American honors at the NCAA Championships. To what and/or to whom do you attribute your previous success?

PB: Firstly, my high school wrestling coach, Vince DeAugustine. He taught me everything I've needed to achieve what I have. Also my current coaches for helping me push myself and always

being there for advice. And my mom, she hasn't missed a single match in over 6 years and is by far my biggest supporter, I couldn't have done it without her.

N-L: Mentally, is it a challenge post such a dominant season in the Centennial Conference, and then expect to repeat the same caliber of performance during your sophomore campaign?

PB: It's sometimes stressful to always expect myself to improve on last year but that's just how I am. But being a little more mature and experienced in collegiate competition—I do expect to repeat my performance.

N-L: After being ranked fourth overall in the pre-season

individual rankings, you will no longer take any opponent by surprise. Can you describe the effect this could potentially have on your upcoming matches?

PB: Not being a surprise won't effect my matches too much. Top level wrestlers know better then to take a person lightly even if their not ranked. Those kids will be just as competitive against me as before.

N-L: You are off to a undefeated start this season, going 4-0 this past weekend. What did you do this

offseason to improve your overall game?

PB: Over the summer I found a great lifting program and an even better lifting coach to motivate me and get myself to the right size for my weight class, all thanks to Joe Alessandro. In addition to that, I practiced with Coach D (my high school coach) and really nailed down some technique problems I was having.

N-L: Taking a moment to discuss the team as a whole, how do you feel this team matches up against last years squad?

PB: This year's team is a great one. While we are missing two major players, Reid Mosquera and Matt Fusaro, we have great

leaders and a very strong freshmen class to fill all the spots. We are definitely better than last year and are ready to make some noise at the national level.

N-L: Who are the veteran leaders on this years team and what do they bring to the table both athletically and mentally?

PB: Our captains this year are juniors Ray Yagloski and Henry Stauber in addition to senior Paul Marcello. They are all extremely hard workers both on and off the mat. They push everyone to get bet-

ter, keep team moral up, and give each and everyone of us great role models to look up to. They have really helped in bringing the underclassmen even closer and having a close-knit group is vital to this sport.

N-L: Lastly, can you discuss the sport of wrestling in analogous terms? Specifically, how does the sport teach its participants life-lessons?

PB: Wrestling is a unique sport in the fact that, while it is physically the most grueling sport, mentally it's even tougher. It teaches you several important lessons.

One, everyone is equal and it is up to the individual to decide how far they get. No matter how talented you are, a hard working wrestler will always be the winner and get the farthest nationally.

Two, it teaches people to never give up even when things seem impossible, if you think it you can achieve it.

Three, it teaches you time management and discipline more than any other sport. Wrestling is a sport where without countless hours of physically and mentally exhausting exercise you won't get far. You have to be willing to sit down and organize your schedule so that you can get in your work, practices, recreational time, and sleep all in the 24 hours of the day. Every mistake counts in this sport and it teaches you how to be a perfectionist in a good way. All of these carry over into our non-wrestling lives and help each and every one of us to become better people.



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Bewak is ranked fourth in the nation

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Did You Know?

Behind a prolific senior class, the Blue Jays water polo team had their best finish in program history with 25 wins, one more than their 24 wins in 2005.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY
M. Basketball vs. Wittenberg, 6 PM

SATURDAY
Football vs. W&J, 12 PM
W. Basketball vs. Mary Baldwin, 1 PM
W. Soccer vs. Lynchburg, 7:30 PM

Women's Soccer Storms into Sweet Sixteen



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A hat trick from sophomore Sydney Teng and a record-setting performance from classmate Hannah Kronick gave the Blue Jays wins over Lancaster Bible and Rowan in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. Please see page B11 for full coverage.

Football claims CC crown with 49-7 win

By PAT TRACYKIEWICZ
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For the fourth straight year, the Hopkins Blue Jays football team is your Centennial Conference Champion. Following a 14-12 loss last week against Franklin & Marshall, the Blue Jays won sole possession of the title with a decisive 49-7 win over conference rival McDaniel College. The Blue Jays jumped to an early 21-0 lead in the first quarter, largely from the help of two Jonathan Rigaud rushing touchdowns. Rigaud's second touchdown was his 20th of the year, making him the second player in school history to reach this mark in a season. Hopkins went into the half with a comfortable 28-0 lead, with the other two touchdowns coming from freshman running back Brandon Cherry.

The Blue Jays tallied up over 500 total offensive yards for the fifth time this season. Their rushing attack has been their bread and butter all year, as they racked up 309 yards. The addition of 215 yards passing was just too much for the Green Terror to handle. The defense proved strong again, forcing four sacks and two interceptions on the day. Senior linebacker Adam Schwyer recorded his 200th tackle of his career, with 201 tackles now to his credit. The defensive statistic that stood out the most was holding McDaniel to just 2 for 16 on third-down conversions.

The Blue Jays' dominating performance on both sides of the ball, prove that they are a different team from a year ago. Their biggest wins have come with a balanced offense attack and solid, consistent defensive play. The Blue Jays have averaged 38.6 points per game while racking up 495 yards per game. Not to be outdone, the defense has been strong all season, allowing just 14.9 points per game and 272.4 yards per game.

With their most recent win, Hopkins also earned the Centennial Confer-

ence's automatic bid into the NCAA playoffs. This is the Blue Jays' fourth appearance in the NCAA playoffs, and their third in just the last four years. During Sunday's selection show, the Blue Jays received the news they would host the Washington & Jefferson College Presidents. This is the second time ever that Hopkins has hosted a home playoff game. The first was just last year, when the Blue Jays saw a promising 10-0 season end shortly with a devastating loss in the first round. There is no doubt that this loss has fueled the Jays this season as they have improved greatly on both sides of the ball.

Washington & Jefferson enters the game 8-2 after winning the Athletic Conference championship last week against previously unbeaten Waynesburg College. This is the 22nd NCAA playoff appearance for the Presidents, including two finishes as the national runner-up in 1992 and 1994. Washington & Jefferson poses a balanced offensive attack similar to Hopkins, with a smart, efficient quarterback and powerful running game. Defensively it's the same story; the Presidents don't allow many yards or points and get to the quarterback.

However, with the bitter taste of last year's loss still lingering in the player's mouths, look for the Blue Jays to come out with a strong performance. Coming off one of the best seasons ever for a Blue Jay, Rigaud scooped up the Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Year award. With Rigaud, and Matey passing for a yard short of 2,000 yards this season and a conference high 70% completion rate, the offense is high powered and they score relentlessly.

In addition to the backfield, the Jays have weapons all over the field. Junior Dan Wodicka earned his third all-conference selection and has been Matey's top target all year.

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Disappointing end for Blue Jays Volleyball

By COLIN FRIEDMAN
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After coming off a record setting season, the Hopkins women's volleyball team entered Friday evening's first round match-up with high expectations. Unfortunately the Blue Jays season came to an abrupt end after a disappointing five set thriller. Hopkins was dispatched (25-19, 15-25, 25-21, 23-25, 14-16) by Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

From the onset, the Blue Jays were dominant as sophomore Megan Cohan tallied three kills and three blocks. Hopkins won a series of important rallies that were led by freshman Jasmine Warmington and sophomore Ellen Rogers to extend their lead to 17-13 in the first. The Blue Jays finished off the set with an incredible dig from Amelia Thomas to win 25-19.

In the second set Richard Stockton rebounded, coming out on fire to take a 15-7 lead. Even two team timeouts taken by head coach Matt Troy could not suppress the Osprey's run as they went on to win 25-15 with .636 hitting percentage.

Richard Stockton carried the momentum into the third set taking a 15-8 lead to start. However, after a timeout the Blue Jays went on a clutch 8-0 run led by Rogers. She was a key contributor for Hopkins the entire match, tallying a career high 20 kills. The Blue Jays finished out the set 25-21 to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

The fourth set was back and forth the whole way as the lead changed seven times. Unfortunately, Stockton's Nicole Serekian was too much of a force, recording nine kills in the

set to lead the Ospreys to a tense 25-23 fourth set win. Not only did the Blue Jays lose the set, but were forced to enter the fifth and final deciding set without their second leading hitter sophomore Katie Schwarz due to injury.

The fifth set did not stop the back and forth play, as the Blue Jays traded the lead eight times. The Blue Jays seemed destined for victory as they held a 14-12 lead, but the Ospreys fired back with four straight points to win the match 16-14 and advance to NCAA's Second Round.

The Ospreys were led by Serekian and Steph-

ington commented, "I'm so proud of my team for being able to fight regardless of the situation."

Though the loss is undoubtedly disappointing, Hopkins has a bright future. Earlier in the week, Warmington was named the Centennial Conference Player of the Year along with Rookie of the Year. "I'm so honored to be considered the Conference Player of the Year. I hope to continue performing for my team in the years to come."

By leading the conference in total kills, kills per set and total points Warmington became only the

it is or what the score is, you have to give your team your all." Warmington also credits much of her success to her team, stating, "The sport goes beyond the individual, you have to play for each other." With such a regard for those around her, Warmington's success is certain to continue in the coming years.

Also joining Warmington on the All-Centennial Conference team are Thomas and Schwarz. Metalios and Rogers were also named to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-District Volleyball team. The pair became the first Hopkins volleyball players along with the first sophomores in school history to receive the award.

Metalios is a public health major with a minor in global environmental global change who currently boasts a 3.80 GPA. The native of Huntington, NY is second on the team in assists and service aces. Rogers, a native of Macedonia, OH holds a 3.74 GPA as a double major in economics and international studies while also pursuing a minor in financial economics. Rogers led the team in blocks per set.

Though the Blue Jays season ended with disappointment, Hopkins has a bright future to look towards. The team loses only three seniors while returning six sophomores and two freshmen who logged time in all five sets during Friday's match. The frustrating loss already has the girls motivated for next year.

Hopkins will certainly look to build on their success this season. Warmington simply stated "We want that title!" With such high aspirations and a limitless supply of talent, Hopkins looks primed for success in the coming seasons.



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Hopkins could not get out of the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

nie Warner who each tallied 22 kills. The Blue Jays' freshman Carolyn Zin and sophomore Mariel Metalios combined for 47 assists. Warmington added 14 kills for Hopkins.

Nonetheless it seemed head coach Matt Troy was proud. "I think it was obvious in the match Hopkins gave it everything they had. Towards the end there was a lot of passion and I'm very pleased."

Even with the loss Warmington and fellow freshman Gabi Rothman were able to express pride in their team's ability to repeat as conference champs even after suffering some untimely losses. Warm-

third Blue Jay in history to win Conference Player of the Year.

As the week progressed the awards continued to pile up for Warmington who became the first Blue Jay to receive the AVCA Division III Mid-Atlantic Region Freshman of the Year award and only the second player in conference history to win the award. She was also one of only two freshmen in the region to earn a spot on Mid Atlantic First Team.

Warmington's success could certainly be credited in her ability to learn quickly. "The most important thing I learned was that it doesn't matter what game

Cross Country: Shine at Regionals

Both the men and the women cross country team's proved themselves to be top teams in the region after dominating at the Mid East Regional Championships this weekend. **Page B10**

Athlete of the Week: Paul Bewark

After a phenomenal breakout freshman season, sophomore Paul Bewark of the wrestling team will look to prove himself as a top wrestler for the Blue Jays this winter again. **Page B11**

End of the Road: Words from the Sr's

After four years spent at countless team practices and workouts, the senior athletes of the fall season will close out their collegiate athletic careers in the coming weeks. **Page B10**



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An explosive offense and stout defense have carried the football team.